

National Board of Directors Meeting

6 August 2012

1530 Pacific Standard Time the meeting was called to order by National President Kim Lorigan.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

Roll call of members: In attendance were National President Kim Lorigan, National Vice President Bruce Bradley, National Secretary Bruce Garrison, National Treasurer Mark Tahtinen, Region I Advisor Dave isherwood, Region III Advisor Jack Crowley.

Guests in attendance: National CGEA President April Storie, National CGEA Secretary Lee Wrench.

Motion by National Treasurer, seconded by National Vice President to accept the minutes of the National Board of Directors Meeting of 11 July 2012. CARRIED

Region III Advisor Jack Crowley presented his Region III Convention Report. (Encl: (1))

Region III Advisor reported that the membership application needs to be updated in The Chief magazine and on the website.

Motion by National Treasurer, seconded by National Vice President to update the membership application. CARRIED

National President Kim Lorigan read the Audit Report. Report that the Association has not had an Audit in several years and that a full audit needs to be done. Cost of the initial audit will be \$12,000 the first year and \$6,000 a year for the next 3 years.

1545 RECESSED

1555 RECONVENED

Discussed the CPOA Financial and Office Administration issues.

Motion by Region III Advisor, seconded by Region I Advisor to set aside money in the Budget for Coast Guard memorials.

ie: CG6535, Enlisted Memorial, CG Memorial at Arlington

Motion voted on. CARRIED

1700 RECESSED until 9 August 2012

Enclosures:

(1)Region III Convention Report

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Dear President Lorigan,

My name is Sonny Sonnenfeld. I am writing to you on behalf of our sick and wounded veterans. I am sending a copy of this letter to each group chairperson of the military coalition. I was a staff sergeant combat infantryman in World War II. I participated in one airlift and five "H" hour landings in New Guinea and the Philippines. I was awarded a Silver Star Medal. Fortunately, I came home whole.

It is a well-documented fact that our government is not providing timely or adequate medical care to our sick and wounded veterans. As a matter of fact, it takes longer to get proper care for our veterans today than it did four years ago. After World War II we had about sixteen million veterans. We had many programs for them - health care, VA hospitals, the GI bill of rights, 52-20 unemployment insurance, mortgage help, etc. - and we managed to take care of them in a timely fashion.

70% of the veteran's claims have been pending for over 125 days (the V.A.'s benchmark for timely action). The wait is just for evaluation not for care. Care can take another six or more months. The V.A. and the President think that nine months is timely care. It is not. I believe that the American people do not think that nine months is timely care. Consider that our soldiers are sent into combat with about six months of combat training.

This is an outrageous and un-American situation. The American people

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can and want "To Do The Right Thing" for our sick and wounded veterans. The problem is that Washington pays lip service to the problem. The president and the Congress refuse to fund timely and proper care for our veterans so the situation continues to get worse. It is really about money. The President and congress are unwilling to do their proper job.

There is a way to have our nation "Do The Right Thing". Send a copy of this letter or a similar letter to everyone of your members. Ask your members to send a copy of this letter to President Obama, Vice President Biden, and every member of congress from their state. Ask your members to send copies to every newspaper, radio and TV station in their area. Ask your members to ask their friends and relatives to also send letters to everyone mentioned above.

Ask every TV and radio station in the member's area to include a sick or wounded veteran in every news program. Have the vet tell his/her story - what he/she did in the service - how he/she got sick or wounded, and their experience in trying to get help from the V.A.

We can and must embarrass the President and congress to "Do The Right Thing". The following is how it can happen.

The President should:

Call a meeting of all the players involved - the Vice President, the Cabinet, the leaders of both parties of Congress, the top officers in the Armed Services, the budget director, the leaders of the Dept. of Veteran Affairs, the Surgeon General and whomever else is needed. Once they are all seated (lock the door) for effect and say something like the following:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I called you into this office today to implement one of the most important matters of my presidency and your tenure. It is about our sick and wounded veterans and the care that we are - and are not - providing to them. We have asked these men and women, young and old, to go into combat to protect our nation. They are now coming home. Many are sick and many are wounded. We say that it is

our solemn obligation to provide to them the best medical care in the world, but they are not getting it. These women and men have to wait over 125 days just to be evaluated - not to get medical help, but just to be evaluated. That is unacceptable.

In the beginning of 1941, before World War II started President Roosevelt knew that the nation would need ships to send arms and supplies to Britain, Australia and Russia. He called on Henry Kaiser who took a bare strip of land on Terminal island in San Pedro, CA - land with no factory, no machinery, no trained labor force - and in less than 90 days Henry Kaiser was launching one Liberty Ship a day.

Here is what I am demanding of you. After this meeting you all will meet with the Vice President in the War Room because, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am declaring war for our Vets. The Vice President is my point man and General Patraeus will be commanding the program. I am going to appoint a new leader for the veteran's administration. I will ask the senate to approve General Powell as the new secretary.

What I want from you is a complete plan that will enable all Veterans to get full medical evaluation and care within 5 days of requesting it.

I want the plan to be fully operational within 90 days from today. Do whatever you have to do to make it happen. Draft or otherwise engage doctors, nurses and other medical personnel. Put the best computer people to work for you. Buy hospitals and drug companies if you have to. In other words do everything that you have to do to make it happen. If you need it, I will declare a national emergency to give you all the power that you will need to do it - and you will do it.

Today is the 20th of the month and it is 10:30am. Be back here on the 23rd at 10:30am with a fully operational plan and I want the plan to be FULLY - I MEAN FULLY - operational in 90 days from now - or sooner.

If any of you think that you cannot do this raise your hand AND I will replace you with someone who can do it. If we can take a bare piece of

land and within 90 days launch a Liberty Ship a day we can find a way to take care of our Veterans in a timely fashion.

This is the way that we will fund this proposal. I will ask Congress to pass an obligatory payment within 10 days and that will be due in 30 days. The money will go into a special fund to be used for veterans only. All taxpayers will pay the obligatory payment. The payment will be based on total income not adjusted income.

On income up to \$100,000- one quarter of one percent
On income up to \$250,000- three eighths of one percent
On income up to \$500,000- one half of one percent
On income up to \$1,000,000- three quarters of one percent
On income up to \$10,000,000- one percent
On income over \$10,000,000- one and one half percent

I believe that the vast majority of the people of the United States of America will agree with this plan. The people want to "Do The Right Thing" for our veterans, and are willing to pay for it.

Now get out there and go to work - or get out of the way and let me put someone in your place who will do it. This is a direct order from your Commander-in-Chief."

If the president does the above and the American people make known their feelings to the President and Congress, we can shame Washington into "Doing The Right Thing".

The sick and wounded veterans of America need your help. Please execute this plan. I will appreciate your letting me know what you do.

Hopefully & Respectfully yours,


Sonny Sonnenfeld



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Dear Kim Lorigan;

As required by our Association's By-Laws, this is the official notification that our Annual National Convention/ Meeting will be held August 12 through August 15, 2013, at the Hilton Houston North, located at 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, Texas.

All members in good standing at the Annual National Convention/Meeting will be allowed to speak on the floor on issues brought before the assembly and have a right to vote. The USCG CPOAA Operations Manual states a quorum consists of majority of the accredited delegates registered as attending. If you need more info, please contact me at (727) 393-6742 or check the CPOA website at www.uscgcopa.org under "Convention".

The tentative schedule, which is subject to change, for this year's meeting.

Sunday 1200-1800 Registration
1800 Convention attendees and guest welcomed in Hospitality Room

Monday
0900-1000 Opening ceremonies
1000-1100 Photo Session
1200-1330 Lunch
1330-1630 General Session Reports and Discussion of Motions

Tuesday
1000-1200 General Session Reports and Discussion of Motions
1400-1630 General Session If needed

Wednesday 1800-2230 Dinner / Guest Speaker

Thursday
1530-1630 Closing ceremonies

This year we will be discussing returning our National Charter to the CPOA and how it will affect any remanding Units in the Auxiliary. It will be up to the CPOA to determine if they will allow the Units to remain and who will be responsible for them. If you can not attend and want your voice to be heard, please e-mail me at boatlady@verizon.net write to me.

If you are not receiving "The Chief" and would like to be kept up today with what is happening in the CPOA you can subscribe by sending a check for \$11.00 (annually) to the CPOA Executive Director/Editor 5520-G Hempstead Way, Springfield, VA 22151-4009

Rita Bunting CPOAA President

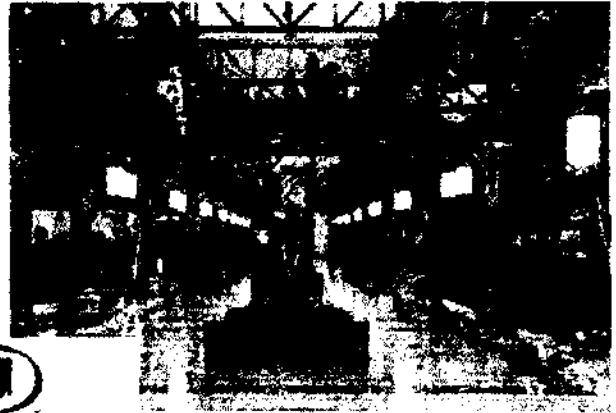
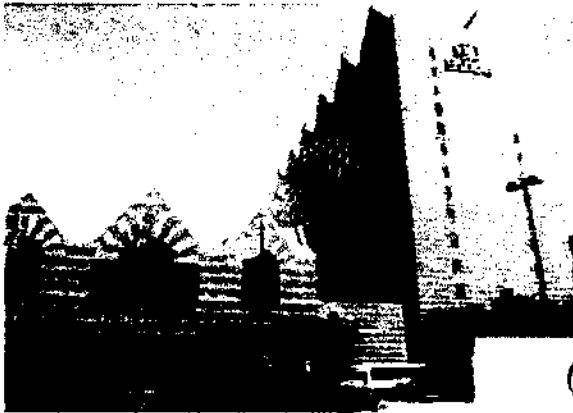
cc: CPOA Nat'l President
Enclosures



2013 National Convention

Join us in Houston!

August 12th through August 15th



Hilton
Houston North



Hilton Houston North

Room rate = \$89.00 plus 17% tax

Cancellation policy - full refund with 24 hour notice.

For reservations, contact (866) 577-1154 and identify as "CPOA Convention"


Rooms must be reserved by 22 July 2013

Free shuttle service is provided from Bush Intercontinental Airport

Houston Hobby Airport is approximately 1 hour away and will cost \$75

For additional information contact Bill Segelken at cpoaconvention@gmail.com

or visit the hotel website

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| 45th Annual CPOA Convention 13th Annual CGEA Convention |  | 12-15 August 2013 Houston, TX |
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| Submit magazine ads/items Not later than 15 July 2013 Submit this completed form and check Not later than 22 July 2013 | CPOA Convention c/o QMC William Segelken (Ret) 1703 Gila Court League City, TX 77573 CPOACONVENTION@GMAIL.COM |
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ALL MEMBERS attending MUST submit this form.
Use a separate form PER CPOA/ CGEA/CPOAA MEMBER.
 (This form is also available on the web at www.mississippi.org)

CPOA ___ **CPOAA** ___ **CGEA** ___ **Membership #** _____
Name _____ **Rate/Rating** _____
Active ___ **Retired** ___ **Reserve** ___ **Other** _____
Address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
Phone (h) _____ **(w)** _____ **(c)** _____
E-Mail _____
Chapter/Unit/Branch/MAL _____

| Membership | Current Local | Current National | Past National |
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| Regular | President | President | President |
| Gold | V-President | V-President | V-President |
| Platinum (CPOAA) | Secretary | Secretary | Secretary |
| Silver | Treasurer | Treasurer | Treasurer |
| | | Regional Advisor | Regional Advisor |

Spouse Name (If attending) _____
Name(s) of each Guest _____

Please complete **ALL** pertinent items **LEGIBLY**
This form MUST be received at the CPOA Convention address listed above
NLT 22 July 2013 in order for the hotel to order meals and assign staff.
NO EXCEPTIONS

Event Registration

Lunch _____ X \$35.00 = _____

Please select number and type of meal

- _____ Basil Seared Salmon
- _____ Smoked London Broil

Dinner _____ X \$45.00 = _____

Please select number and type of meal

- _____ Herb Seared Rib Eye
- _____ Cajun Mousse Stuffed Chicken

Required Convention Registration Fee per (CPOA/ CGEA) Member.

Use a separate form per member: \$ 30.00

| Convention Magazine Patron / ad Rates | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Size: | Full Page | Half Page | Quarter Page | Business Card | Booster List |
| Black& White | \$100 | \$75 | \$40 | \$25 | \$10 |
| Color | \$125 | \$100 | \$60 | \$35 | /// |

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Total : _____

Convention Committee Membership (CPOA / CGEA)

Membership _____ Budget _____ CPO Academy _____ Special Projects _____
 Long Range Planning _____ CCCAF _____ CGEA Review _____

Past Presidents/GLM Luncheon

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| <p align="center"><u>Entrée Choices</u></p> <p align="center">Basil Seared Salmon With Roasted Tomato and Garlic Butter</p> <p align="center">Smoked London Broil With Roasted Tomato Salsa</p> | <p align="center">Caesar Salad</p> <p align="center">Chef's Selection of Fresh Vegetables</p> <p align="center">Chef's Selection of Potato, Rice or Pasta</p> <p align="center">Warm rolls w/ butter</p> <p align="center">Italian Tiramisu Desserts</p> |
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Wednesday Night Dinner

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| <p align="center"><u>Entrée Choices</u></p> <p align="center">Herb Seared Rib Eye With Garlic Au Jus</p> <p align="center">Cajun Mousse Stuffed Chicken With Chipotle Cream Sauce</p> | <p align="center">Mixed green Salad with Black bean relish and tortilla strips</p> <p align="center">Chef's Selection of Fresh Vegetables</p> <p align="center">Chef's Selection of Potato, Rice or Pasta</p> <p align="center">Warm rolls w/ butter</p> <p align="center">Layered Chocolate Mousse Cake</p> |
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