

# **National Chief Petty Officers Association**

## **Name**

This organization shall be known as the National Chief Petty Officers Association, non profit, tax exempt, identified by the initials NCPOA (National Chief Petty Officers Association).

## **Objectives**

Honor and publicize as a group those who have served or serving as Chief Petty Officers in the U. S. Navy, the U. S. Coast Guard, or the Reserve Components.

Maintain allegiance to the government of the United States of America and promote patriotism and pride in their service in the U. S. Navy and U. S. Coast Guard.

Conduct reunions with members to foster camaraderie.

The area to be covered by the NCPOA shall be world-wide. Headquarters shall be in Pensacola, Florida.

Active members shall have served as a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and reserve components for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

All members in good standing (Paid up dues) shall have full voting rights. All voting will be held at Reunions.

The fiscal year of NCPOA shall run from 1 January thru 31 December.

Reunions shall be held every other year on even numbered years. Reunions will be held in April to honor the establishment the rank of Chief Petty Officer by the U. S. Navy 1 April 1894.

Officers shall be elected for a 4-year term to coincide with reunions. There shall be a minimum of 4 Officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The **President** shall supervise meetings and functions. **Vice President** shall

supervise meetings in the absence of the President. **Secretary** shall be responsible for all correspondence, maintain custody of all records, issue membership cards and all correspondence, take minutes of reunion meetings. Shall prepare the Newsletter published three times per year. Shall turn over all records to successor. **Treasurer** shall have custody of all funds and bank accounts at Navy Federal Credit Union. Officers being replaced by newly elected Officers shall turn over all records to successor.

Should any Officer resign or is unable to complete the term, the Board of Directors, the Officers that are left shall appoint a member to serve out the term of office until the next reunion of the election of Officers.

Upon notification of the death of any member in good standing, the secretary shall forward a letter of condolence as soon as possible to the next of kin, if known, and shall be sent on behalf of the membership.

Any Officer attending a reunion shall have their room paid for by the Association.

Dues is \$ 10.00 per year and may be paid up to 5 years.

Any bills for the NCPOA shall require an invoice in order to get paid. The Treasurer shall keep the invoice with the date paid and check number or debit card noted on the invoice.

Any amendments to our By-Laws shall require a majority vote of the members present at the reunion.

Our meeting held at the reunion shall commence with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

We shall have a Banquet at each reunion normally on the last day.