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## Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Both Chuck Huyler and I want to thank the membership for their outstanding efforts in recruiting. We are approaching 1150 members.

Reno is our main topic at this time. Vince Stauffer continues to work with the Sands Hotel in Reno and others in order to ensure that our reunion is the greatest yet. The accommodations at the Sands are truly fantastic, the price is right and all we need is you.

Vince has set up a display room and security will be maintained at all times. If you have something to display, an old ship's roster, a menu, photos, articles of uniform clothing, etc. please bring them.

Vice Admiral Thomas R. Sargent III will be our guest speaker. Admiral Sargent was one of the fifteen plankowners who breathed life into this Association having met in Chicago in July, 1985. The MODOC and SANDUSKY members will well remember the Admiral during WWII and those from TIGHT REIGN will remember his outstanding work in Southeast Asia.

We will have an enlightening talk at lunch from Veterans Administration Manager John Middlesworth and a sea story or two at the conclusion of our Awards Dinner. One such sea story will be by Ira Beal and will include days on the NORTHLAND and some hair raising events of the Greenland/Iceland area during and just prior to WWII.

I would ask that you use VIP Travel since we will get a free ticket for every 40 tickets purchased. Any free tickets will be used to help those who may not be able to afford the trip otherwise. If you feel that you would like to be considered for a free airline round-trip ticket, please write to Baker Herbert at the Association address and Baker will channel it to the proper people. This will be kept in the strict confidence of but a few Officers of the Association.

Our Association has lost our Director of Legislative Affairs, Captain Jon Uithol. Jon relocated from the DC area to Indiana. I personally can't thank Jon enough for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Association and on my personal behalf.

There are many important issues to be discussed in Reno. Our elections, proposed by-law changes and the Normandy monument to the USCG. While Captain Quentin Walsh cannot spear-head the Mounument Project hopefully he will be in Reno to tell us about the BAYFIELD, UTAH BEACH and the importance of RESFLO, the CG Manned LST's, LCI's and other craft.

Seeing former shipmates, some for the first time in many years, revisiting from the previous reunions of 86, 88 & 90, in conjunction with the KEY WEST, NORTHLAND and TAMPA will be outstanding. See you there.

DICK STENT  
National President



COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOC. AUXILIARY

In Reno, Nevada, July, 1986, Linda Benoit, Ellen Clawson, Edith Courter, Marylou Herbert, Linda Hoover, Daisy Kasun, Jane Maxwell, Judy Perry, Liz Scotti and Mary Warner formed the CGCVA Auxiliary. We wanted to afford an opportunity for the CGCVA wives and female relatives to have a support group for the CGCVA. It was decided to hold a luncheon at about the same time as the CGCVA.

In the past the Auxiliary has donated to CGCVA programs and helped with various projects of the CGCVA.

On behalf of the CGCVA Auxiliary, we invite all ladies to our luncheon on Tuesday, October 6, 1992 at 1200 Noon, Sands Hotel, Reno, Nevada. The cost is \$12.00 per person and tickets will be available in Reno.

At the conclusion of the ladies luncheon Mr. John Middlesworth, Veterans Administration Manager from Sacramento, California will discuss VA programs and answer questions concerning widow benefits, etc.

It will be wonderful seeing friends, hearing about a subject that concerns many of us and having a great sit-down lunch.

CGCVA AUXILIARY - Executive Committee

Edith Courter, Marylou Herbert and Jane Maxwell

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CGCVA HISTORY BOOK UPDATE

The CGCVA History Book needs about 150 more book purchases. To date we have only 150 or so book sales. Further, we need more biographies. The deadline has been extended to October 15th, 1992 in order that we may display a book at the Reno Reunion. The display book will be along the lines of the DESA History Book.

Certainly, our History Book will contain more information than all of the books written about the Coast Guard insofar as personal data is concerned. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to have your story printed and it will be a family keepsake.

The book is published by Turner Publishing Co., P.O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002-3101.

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE CGCVA

President - Dick Stent (MODOC) - Herb Reith (MERRILL)

Vice President - Patrick J. Denney (RONONE)

Treasurer - Al Courter (NORTHLAND)

Eight Year Board Member - Dick Novotny (LEOPOLD Survivor)

Nominations may be made from the floor at the reunion. A profile of the above will appear in the next newsletter and will include any other nominations received prior to August 15th, 1992. Send nominations to CGCVA, 6858 Lafayette Road, Medina, OH 44256

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CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

Proposed changes to by-laws will be included with next newsletter. Those members recommending changes should submit them prior to August 15th, 1992 to CGCVA at the Medina Address.

RENO, NEVADA OCTOBER 4-8, 1992

Following are the menu's selected for the lunches and dinner. The cost includes the meal, tax and gratuity. No hidden costs.

TUESDAY 6 October, 1992 - 1200 Noon - Womens Auxillary

Hawaiian Pineapple Salad - One half Pineapple, filled with Oriental Chicken and Fruit Salad, served with Banana Nut Bread Finger Sandwiches, Desert, Coffee and Tea. The Ladies have a separate dining room from the men for their lunch on this day to allow them time and space, uninterrupted, to enjoy their lunch and transact their club business. The Auxillary President had requested a lunch that would be served rather than a buffet. Cost \$12.00 per person.

TUESDAY 6 October, 1992 - 1200 Noon - Mens lunch

We have selected a Buffet to allow for a broader selection to be sure there was something to please everyone - Choice of three salads - (1) Ambrosia (2) Cottage Cheese (3) Cucumber and Onion, plus Tossed Greens with choice of two Dressings, Includes Fruit and Relish Trays, Two Entrees - (1) Beef Burgandy (2) Chicken Breast Parmasian, Herb Rice, Pasta Fetachini, and Ranch String Beans. Includes freshly baked Bread, Butter and choice of Dessert and Beverage. Cost - \$15.00.

WEDNESDAY 7 October, 1992 - 1900 - Dinner

The dinner will be preceded by a No Host cocktail hour from 1800 to 1900. Here again we have selected a Buffet, mainly because it will give us a broader selection, the lines will be quicker, a person can select all (or as little) as they want to eat and get it back to your table while it is still warm. A "served" meal was very limited on our choices and by the time the last person is served, the food is usually cold and the first persons served are finished eating and ready to go. The Buffet choices are:

Five Salads - (1) Pasta Italiano (2) Waldorf (3) Three Bean (4) Ham and Macaroni (5) Carrot Raisin, Three Entrees - (1) Roast Beef (2) Chicken Cordon Bleu (3) Shrimp Scampi, Oven Brown Potatoes, Rice Pilof, Green Beans. Includes Fruit Tray, Cheese Tray with Crackers, Choice of Dessert and Beverage. Cost - \$22.00 per person.

You are not limited to any one salad or entree. You may take some of each or load your dish and come back for seconds.

## MINI UNIT REUNIONS AND OTHER THINGS TO DO IN RENO:

We have received several calls and letters inquiring about having a mini-reunion in Reno by ships or units that have several members or larger groups of members attending the CG Combat Veterans Reunion. This is one of the best ideas, and opportunities to do this. As you are probably aware, it is very difficult, if not impossible, to obtain reasonable accommodations and facilities for small groups to hold a reunion. Besides its a lot of work by a lot of people. We have purposely set up a fairly open schedule at this Convention to allow time for other things, such as reunions, or get togethers, of smaller groups. What we would like to have everyone do is use this as an opportunity to make a vacation out of the trip and enjoy every bit of your time. The only thing we would request, and appreciate, is that you do not schedule any of your other activities to conflict with the working schedule of the Association. The times that we have things scheduled is Tuesday 6 October at 1200 when we will have lunch for both the womens auxillary and the male members. This is the time we will use to transact the club business, elections, by-law changes and anything else that needs to be done. Please allow a good part of the afternoon for this. The next thing is the dinner starting at 1800 on Wednesday 7 October. In addition to a great meal we will have some very interesting guest speakers that I know everyone will enjoy. This does leave a lot of free time to persue other interests. If you have any questions or need any assistance in setting up a reunion within our reunion, please call or write Vince Stauffer, 2915 - 2nd Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109 (206)284-7352. He can provide information on refreshments, food, make suggestions on space and if we don't have the answer to any of your questions, we will get them for you.

Some of the things that are available. The Coronation room on the mezzanine floor of the Sands Hotel will be used as our registration room. There will be a hosted bar from noon to 1800 on Sunday and Monday 4-5 October. This is a large double room and will also be set up with a group of empty tables that will be used to display memorabilia and souvenirs by the members. We encourage all attendees to bring what ever items they can to put in this display room. The room will have some one in attendance at all times and will be locked at night to ensure security of these items.

The National Automobile Museum. This was the Harrah Auto Museum that used to be located out in Sparks. It is now located right in Reno at 10 Lake Street South, about six blocks from the Sands. This museum is world famous and has over 200 perfectly restored antique automobiles on display. This is 105,000 square feet of floor area on one floor. They also have a state of the art theater showing full size auto dioramas depicting the impact the auto has had on our life and times. In fact, there is local tour of Reno available at the Hotel that ends up at the Auto Museum and the entry price is included in the tour. Would be worth looking into.

At the time of registration we will have brochures on what shows and entertainers will be playing in Reno during your visit. It is to soon to have this information now but we have recieved information from Bally's Reno about their ongoing comedy entertainment. Their show is called "Catch a Rising Star" and shows nightly, except Monday at 2030. (Thats 8:30 PM for you that have forgotten) Bally's is located a couple of miles from down town but they provide free shuttle bus service plus plenty of free parking. Their shows star some of todays best stand up comedians.

Information received in the Reno/Tahoe Visitors Guide state that they have over 300 days sunshine per year with average daily temperature during early October being in the 70's with cool nights. Last year it was in the high 80's in October. Beautiful. Some of the things they have listed for visitors are Ballooning, Bicycling, Boating, Fishing in numerous rivers, streams and lakes for trout and catfish. Non resident fishing permits are available. Of course there are at least 10 golf courses within a short distance of the Hotel and the Hotel will even get you a Tee time. They also list Hiking, Mountain Biking, Horseback Riding, Hot Springs, Rafting, Soaring, Tennis and Windsurfing. There are numerous Showrooms and Lounges with fantastic entertainment plus a great many Art Galleries and other Arts and Cultural events, such as Ballet and the Opera. Two items of interest that will be on 5-11 October are the Reno Western Open Cutting Event at the Reno Livestock Events Center and the 11th Annual Great Italian Festival in Downtown Reno. Another interesting item is the Fleischmann Planetarium on the University Campus. They also have the Reno Tahoe Gaming Academy to allow you to learn the rules and strategies of the games of craps, roulette, "21" and Keno plus a look "behind the scenes" of casino operations. Don't overlook a ride on the sternwheeler M. S. Dixie on Lake Tahoe plus a look at the Ponderosa Ranch, scene of the filming of the Bonanza TV series and beautiful Incline Village. You can't miss the wooden sidewalks and restored buildings of Virginia City. The city was established in 1859 and became the richest mining town in the world. Return to Reno via the Capital of Nevada, Carson City. A truly beautiful town with lots of interesting sites including the Governors Mansion, Nevada State Railroad Museum, the Brewery Arts Center and the Stewart Indian Museum. There are about a dozen recommended one day self guided tours or quite a few commercial tours available. Information on all of these is available right at the Hotel. When it comes to eating, you could leave Reno weighing twice what you arrived at with very little effort. The Sands has six eating establishments serving everything from sandwiches to full deluxe meals. In Reno there is just about anything to eat you would dream of, including Basque, Chinese, Continental, European, French, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, Seafood and Steak Houses. Most Hotels run "loss leader" meals that can run from \$1.00 breakfasts to \$3.00 or \$4.00 steak dinners. You usually have to wait a short time for seating but that gives you time to wonder through the bar or the casino and drop a few bucks.

If there is anything specific that you would like information on, contact Vince and he will get you what you want to know. The whole point is, we want everyone to have a most memorable time and take home good memories of a great reunion and look forward to the next one, wherever it might be.

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AIR TRAVEL - V. I. P. 1-800-926-5554

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS - Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, Nevada 1-800-648-3553 or 1-702-348-2242 - State Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association for the \$48.00 single/double rate, add \$7.00 for additional guests. There is a 9% sales tax which must be added.

Call Peg Fitz at VIP Travel for golfing and tours. Hopefully there will be a new air fare price cut. Peg will hold your tickets, they can't go up in price but if there is a reduction you will receive it.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasury balance is \$5855.52 as of 6/8/92. \$1000.00 of this is earmarked for the Normandy USCG Monument and the Ladies CGCVA Auxiliary donated \$250.00 of this amount. \$487.00 has been presented to Patriot's Point Naval Museum by Herb Reith on behalf of our Association.

Association Member William J. Jenkins recently donated \$100.00 for the Coast Guard Destroyer Escort Sailors Memorial Plaque at the CG Academy, New London, Connecticut. This money will be forwarded along with other contributions to: Donald Kahler, RD6, Box 122 Muncy, PA 17756, payable to: Coast Guard Memorial Plaque. William J. "Jack" Jenkins served in USS VANCE DE-387 and he said in his letter that he wants to express to all CG Cadets that the U. S. Coast Guard was, "Always Ready" in the past and will be "Always Ready" in the future. Way to go, William Jack Jenkins.

LOGO PINS - CGCVA logo pins are coming in from our supplier. We are still 250 short but I will get out what I have as soon as I can get around to it.

I can't thank those who have sent in their dues early, enough. I really want to visit a bit in Reno and not spend four days handling money.

Baker Herbert, Treasurer, Acting Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

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This is a short newsletter since we want to send it out first class mail as many of our newsletters aren't getting to their destinations. We are limited to the usual list of new members and other stories, etc. We will put out a newsletter in early September with more reunion news, the new members and hopefully some stories.  
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PRE REGISTRATION FOR THE RENO REUNION

Please complete the pre registration form in this newsletter if you are planning on attending the October 4-8, 1992 CGCVA Reunion. Send the form to: CGCVA, 6858 Lafayette Road, Medina, OH 44256. This will make things easier for those working the registration desk in Reno and for the purchase of items of clothing, etc.

We would like to be able to cross reference all ships/units for those attending the reunion. Seating by ship/unit will be considered if you want it. Please indicate the ship(s)/unit(s) you served in and your preferred ship/unit seating arrangement.  
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THE OLD TIMERS OF THE CGCVA

Retired Master Chiefs Gnegy and Madura, who were on hand in July, 1985, and who haven't missed a CGCVA Reunion will be on hand to greet not only the remaining thirteen from 1985 but many shipmates of the past. Noel Bell hasn't missed any reunions either. Barry Nance from Point Clear was last seen in Baltimore, 1990 and hopefully he will find his way to Reno from Louisiana. Commodore Bill Hoover has a heavy work schedule and has had some family health problems but he said he will be there if it is at all possible. Frenchy Benoit will be there with the Point Banks stories. Let's hope that Paul Ewaldt can get over from Denver and that Ned Fontaine can skip down from Oregon. No doubt Captain Don Kneip will fly down in his "Air America" plane. We know that Admiral Thomas Sargent will be on hand and Paul Scotti will motor in. One of the reasons we are the CGCVA is due to Roger Williams, who wandered in to Chicago in 1985 looking for any "Coasties". Thanks to Bill and Libby Hoover in Baltimore, we all got together again. Let's try and do the same thing in Reno. Baker

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM - RENO 1992

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

OTHERS IN PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED AT SANDS HOTEL \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER HOTEL OR RENO ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CGCVA LUNCH \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ WIVES AUXILIARY LUNCH \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AWARDS BANQUET \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ SHIP'S/UNIT TABLE \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

PREFERRED SHIP/UNIT LISTING \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER SHIPS/UNITS: \_\_\_\_\_

PERIOD OF COAST GUARD SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

INTEREST INCLUDES \_\_\_\_\_ GOLF \_\_\_\_\_ TOURS \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL NEEDS: \_\_\_\_\_

CLOTHING ITEMS THAT I WOULD PURCHASE: \_\_\_\_\_ CAP \_\_\_\_\_ "T" SHIRT, SIZE

\_\_\_\_\_ SWEAT SHIRT \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ PATCH \_\_\_\_\_ CGCVA PIN \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ARTICLES SUCH AS \_\_\_\_\_ HOODED SWEATSHIRT \_\_\_\_\_

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