

What is the CGEA?

The CGEA is an Association conceived of and administered by the USCG Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA) formally approved by the CPOA Board of Directors on 16 August 1991. It is a part of the CPOA, and as such, is qualified as a "Not For Profit" organization as specified in Section 501(c)(19) of the IRS Code. It is not a part of the US Coast Guard or any government agency.

CGEA Purpose

As an organization, formed under the CPOA, our purpose is to assist our fellow shipmates, command and community. The following identifies some of our many missions:

- Be prepared to support members and dependants in need,
- Assist the CPOA in their endeavors,
- Promote professional advancement through responsible leadership,
- Encourage involvement in personal growth,
- Support your command policies and functions,
- Promote and sponsor social programs,
- Be active in community affairs and aid those in need,
- Remain positive, focused and have fun along the way.

Preamble

Always Remember

- As enlisted members, we must uphold the highest standards and respect the traditions of the USCG,
- Our past mentors, leaders and the foundation they left for us to follow,
- To hold ourselves and others accountable to the duties and responsibilities of our country, service and communities,
- To give encouragement to the future members and leaders of the CG,

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-To personally support and stand by our fellow enlisted members and their families in their endeavors of joy and hardships,

-To be forever appreciative for the support and guidance of the USCG Chief Petty Officers Association.

Your Participation Wanted

The CGEA has great opportunities for fellow Enlisted Members to associate and learn from one another. YOU can be a part of this organization.

All you need... is to say YES! And try to take a little of your time and participate in any of the many activities a Branch is involved in. Volunteer to help in a community service project, help with a fund raising event or just attend a monthly meeting once in a while.

Are there benefits?

Yes! Under normal circumstances a new Association starts with a few members and gradually builds up until it is large enough to offer member benefits. This time is different. You may now join the CGEA and immediately become eligible for group benefits, which in the past were only available to Chief Petty Officers. As the CGEA membership grows, along with the CPOA, member benefits will continually be increasing.

Advancement to Chief?

When you advance, notify the National Office. You will receive a letter of congratulations, a CPOA member card, and, as you are removed from the rolls of the CGEA, your membership and remaining dues will automatically be shifted to the CPOA Chapter of your choice.

What do we offer?

- ✓ A comprehensive insurance program which include: TRICARE/MEDICARE supplements, cancer, life, auto, homeowners, renters, dental, term life, etc
- ✓ Cancer Insurance Program aids in the exceptional expenses associated with the care needed for cancer patients.
- ✓ Automobile Insurance discounts through Government Employees Insurance Co. (GEICO).
- ✓ The Captain Caliendo College Assistance Fund (CCCAF) program that helps CGEA family members with college costs.
- ✓ A national magazine to keep you informed on what other CGEA members are doing, and to provide a forum for presenting your ideas.
- ✓ Over 15 CGEA Branches established in the continental United States with over 1,000 members.
- ✓ Representation with other military and fraternal organizations through our National Executive Director, which allows us to stay abreast of legislation that will affect our members. The ED is a member of The Military Coalition (TMC) and The Council of Military Organizations (COMO).
- ✓ A Gold or Silver MBNA Master Card program. Many extra features, no annual fee for the first year. MBNA America, PO Box 15023, Wilmington DE 19855-9966. PH: 800 847-7378

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