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SUBJ: COAST GUARD CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (CPOA) 57TH  
NATIONAL CONVENTION AND COAST GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION (CGEA)  
25TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

A. Military Assignments and Authorized Absences, COMDTINST 1000.8A

1. The CPOA and CGEA will hold their annual National Convention at the Westin Houston Medical Center/Museum District, Houston, TX, from August 24th-27th, 2026.

2. REF (A), Article 2.A.10, authorizes commands to issue permissive orders for members interested in attending.

3. Official TDY orders and unit funds are not authorized.

4. A strong and engaged CPOA and CGEA are critically important to our Service. Leadership development is a continuous process that begins early in a career. Building professional networks and learning from experienced mentors strengthens leadership abilities over time. Active engagement in professional forums enhances both individual growth and organizational effectiveness.

5. Convention information will be posted on the CPOA website:  
(Copy and Paste URL Below into Browser)

[www.uscgcpoa.org/convention](http://www.uscgcpoa.org/convention)

6. For more information, contact CWO2 Amy Ponce (ret),  
CPOA Convention Chairman, at [cpoaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:cpoaconvention@gmail.com) or the CPOA  
National Office at [convention@uscgcpoa.org](mailto:convention@uscgcpoa.org)

7. MCPOCG Phillip N. Waldron, Master Chief Petty Officer of the  
Coast Guard (CG-00B), sends.

8. Internet release is authorized.