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### REAL NAVY CHIEFS

REAL CHIEFS Think Ensigns should be seen and not heard, and never, ever, be allowed to read books on leadership.

REAL CHIEFS Don't have any civilian clothes.

REAL CHIEFS Have CPO Association Cards from their last 5 commands.

REAL CHIEFS Don't remember any time they weren't Chiefs.

REAL CHIEFS Propose like this: "There will be a wedding at 1000 hours on 29 October, be there in whites with your gear packed because you will be a prime participant."

REAL CHIEFS Favorite national holiday is CPO Initiation.

REAL CHIEFS Keeps four sets of

dress khaki uniforms in the closet in hopes they will come back.

REAL CHIEFS Favorite food is ship-board SOS for breakfast.

REAL CHIEFS Don't know how to tell civilian time.

REAL CHIEFS Call each other "Chief."

REAL CHIEFS Greatest fear is signing for property book items.

REAL CHIEFS Dream in Navy Blue, White, Haze Gray and occasionally khaki.

REAL CHIEFS Have served on ships that are now war memorials or tourist attractions.

REAL CHIEFS Get tears in their eyes when the "Chief" dies in the movie "Operation Pacific."

REAL CHIEFS Don't like Certified Navy Twill. "Wash Khaki" is the ONLY thing to make a uniform out of.

REAL CHIEFS Can find their way to the CPO Club blindfolded, on 15 different Navy Bases.

REAL CHIEFS Have pictures of ships in their wallets.

REAL CHIEFS Don't own any pens that do not have "Property U.S. Govt" on them.

REAL CHIEFS Don't voluntarily get the mandatory flu shots.

REAL CHIEFS Don't order supplies, they swap for them.

REAL CHIEFS Favorite quote is from the movie Ben Hur, "We keep you alive to serve this ship."

REAL CHIEFS Think excessive modesty is their only fault.

REAL CHIEFS Hate to write evaluations, except for their own.

REAL CHIEFS Turn in a 4 page brag sheet for their evaluation.

REAL CHIEFS Last ship was always better.

REAL CHIEFS Know that the black tar in their coffee cup makes the coffee taste better.

REAL CHIEFS Idea of heaven- Three good PO1's and a Division Officer who does what he is told.

REAL CHIEFS Think John Wayne would have made a good Coast Guard Chief, if he had not gone soft and made Marine movies.

REAL CHIEFS Use the term "Good Training" to describe any unpleasant task...Scraping the sides of the ship is "Good Training." Having to sleep on your seabag in the parking lot because there was no room in the barracks is "Good Training."

## Financial Statement

Balance remaining after 12/07

**\$1139.62**

Funds collected since 12/07

**\$0**

Funds available for 03/08

**\$1139.62**

Funds expended for 03/08

**\$85.07**

Balance remaining for 06/08

**\$1054.55**

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## PRESIDENT PAUL SHEPLEY'S MESSAGE

Pam and I are excited about our home town of Wilmington, NC being chosen by the Navy as the location for the christening of the new Nuclear Powered Submarine the North Carolina SSN-777 sometime in May 2008. We will have the Secretary of the Navy and other dignitaries for the occasion. Activities will take place across from our Battleship USS North Carolina BB-42 which is permanently anchored and available for tours. Also, officials in our city are actively working with the Navy to acquire the Aircraft Carrier, USS Kitty Hawk, which is due to be decommissioned soon, for our city. We are thrilled about these developments. Our shipmate George Collins called to let me know he was in town visiting local family and assured me he will again bring a variety of vegetables for our next reunion. Start thinking about what you might bring for our annual auction. The money we make goes to support the Pirate Newsletter. Incidentally, we enjoy Melvin Kaplan, our auctioneer. It has been suggested we need someone who would or could create/set up a USS Mississippi EAG-128 web site. Maybe we would discover more shipmates. Finally, I received a call from a shipmate Carl Farrell and he plans to attend our next reunion.

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## WELCOME MAT

The USS MISSISSIPPI Association cordially welcomes the following shipmates who have been located since the last newsletter.

We hope to see you at the next reunion, and we hope you will take an active part in the association.

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