

Join Us for the 2nd Annual
BEST OF THE MESS



What is it?

- A competition that showcases Navy Culinary Specialists.
- Five teams from local commands go head to head to see who has the best culinary skills.
- Each team will prepare a three course meal and YOU get to taste and vote on your favorite!

Last year the winners were from the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN71) - do they have what it takes to stay on top?

Event Details

Date: Friday, February 10, 2012 - a great Valentine's Night out

Location: Sheraton VA Beach Hotel, 3501 Atlantic Avenue, VA Beach, VA

Time: 6-11 PM

Cost: \$40.00 per ticket or \$75.00 for two *(each ticket includes meal, two drink tickets and dancing)*

Purchase tickets online starting December 1st at www.cposf.org

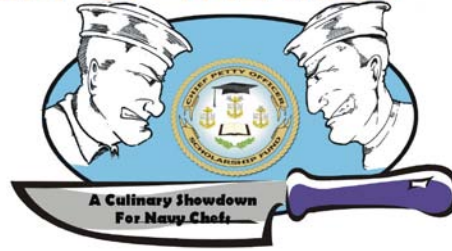
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328 Office Square Lane
Suite 101A
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

All proceeds benefit the
Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund
A 501(c)(3) Organization



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The Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund (CPOSF) is pleased to announce the second annual Best of the Mess competition

This is a competitive culinary event for qualified U. S. Navy Culinary Specialists on February 10, 2012 at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA. Only five teams will be chosen to compete, one of which will be the returning champion team from USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71).

The rules are simple:

- Teams must be comprised of 3 Navy Culinary Specialists
- All team members must be E6 or below
- Teams will be provided with specific instructions for preparation of the evening fare by expert Chefs from the Culinary Institute of Virginia
- Judging will be provided by top rated Chefs from the region
- Audience members will be allowed to taste each entry and vote for their “People’s Choice”

Who May Attend?

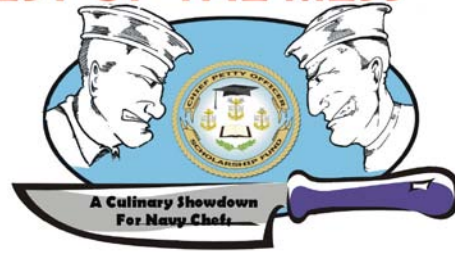
- This event is open to everyone, service members and the public are cordially invited
- Tickets are \$40 each and include food and two drink tickets. A DJ will be present and dancing will follow the presentation of awards
- Dress code for the evening is coat and tie / cocktail attire
- Some sponsorship levels include free tables

What else will there be?

- A silent auction
- A donation table
- A 50/50 raffle



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Sponsorship Levels

The CPOSF is offering sponsorship opportunities. Show your support and join the fun! This promises to be a landmark event that celebrates our Nation's finest un-sung heroes – those who prepare and serve the meals to the rest of our fighting forces. Please pledge your support at one of the following levels:

MCPON Level -- \$5,000

- Reserved table at the event (10 tickets)
- Free information booth in the pre-function / cocktail area
- Logo printed on ticket as MCPON level sponsor
- Opportunity to have a member of your team on the judge's panel (limited to 2 MCPON Level Sponsors – first come first serve)
- Full page ad in the event program
- Logo included in the slideshow that will run throughout the event in the cocktail area
- Logo embroidered on winning team Chef's hats
- Company included in all press releases and advertisements for the event
- Company logo and link to website included on www.cposf.org

Master Chief Level -- \$2,500

- Reserved table at the event (10 tickets)
- Free information booth in the pre-function / cocktail area
- ½ page ad in the event program
- Logo included in the slideshow that will run throughout the event in the cocktail area
- Company logo and link to website included on www.cposf.org

Senior Chief Level -- \$1,500

- Reserved table at the event (10 tickets)
- ¼ page ad in the event program
- Opportunity to leave printed material at a static booth in the cocktail area
- Logo included in the slideshow that will run throughout the event in the cocktail area

Chief Petty Officer Level -- \$500

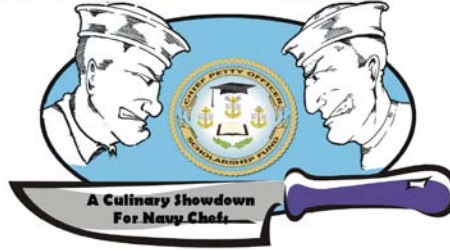
- 4 Tickets to the event
- Company logo included in the event program
- Logo included in the slideshow that will run throughout the event in the cocktail area

In-Kind Sponsor (for companies donating gifts for silent auction or team prizes)

- Recognition in the event program
- Sponsor's link will be placed on the CPOSF website



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2011 Sponsorship Information Form

Thank you for your interest in being an official sponsor for the second annual Best of the Mess Event. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please fill out the information below and send it along with your sponsorship check to:

CPOSF
328 Office Square Lane, Suite 101A
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: ____ - ____ - ____ Fax Number: ____ - ____ - ____

Company Contact Name: _____

Company Contact Email: _____

Please send an official version of your company's logo to our Director of Marketing, Mr. Tim Lake, tim.lake@navy.mil. Accepted formats are: .jpeg, .pdf, .gif, and/or .tiff files

Please check the level of sponsorship you would like:

- ___ MCPON Level -- \$5,000
- ___ Master Chief Level -- \$2,500
- ___ Senior Chief Level -- \$1,500
- ___ Chief Petty Officer Level -- \$500
- ___ In-Kind Sponsor – We are donating _____ to be used as a silent auction item.

Your donation is tax deductible!

Please make all checks payable to the Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund

For questions regarding sponsorship, please contact our Director of Marketing, Tim Lake at 757-492-0901 or via email at tim.lake@navy.mil.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

FEB 06 2008

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER SCHOLARSHIP
FUND CPOSF
8041 HAMPTON BLVD STE 3
NORFOLK, VA 23505

Employer Identification Number:

20-0331953

DLN:

17053012746088

Contact Person:

TRACY PRATER

ID# 31330

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Public Charity Status:

170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated February 2004, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity, rather than as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period.

Based on the information you submitted, you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter. Since your exempt status was not under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements



CPOSF History



History of CPOSF

In November 1994, the USS CHIEF (MCM14) was commissioned in honor of the dedicated service of the Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy, as well as for the honored wartime service of her namesake, USS CHIEF (AM315), and she sails today as a testament to that tradition.

The planning and all subsequent activities leading up to the commissioning was all Chief Petty Officer evolution. One of the significant results of the event was the creation of the Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund (CPOSF). The fund came to fruition with the signing of the Charter of the Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund in January 1998 at the U.S. Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) in Newport, Rhode Island.

Our Growth

The number of scholarship awards and the amounts to be disbursed yearly are determined solely by the financial status of the fund. The Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund is non-profit and dependent upon Tax-deductible donations to support its educational "Gift of Knowledge."

The following is our history of the number of scholarships provided during each academic year, since we started.

1998	- 4	\$500.00 ea	2004	- 20	\$1,000.00 ea
1999	- 5	\$500.00 ea	2005	- 40	\$1,000.00 ea
2000	- 5	\$500.00 ea	2006	- 51	\$1,000.00 ea
2001	- 10	\$1,000.00 ea	2007	- 40	\$2,000.00 ea
2002	- 10	\$1,000.00 ea	2008	- 45	\$2,000.00 ea
2003	- 10	\$1,000.00 ea	2009	- 50	\$2,000.00 ea
			2010	- 50	\$2,000.00 ea
			2011	- 56	\$2,000.00 ea

MCPON Thomas Crow Memorial Scholarship

2009 - \$5,000.00
 2010 - \$5,000.00
 2011 - \$5,000.00

The 2009/2010 academic year will be a landmark year and an exciting time for the CPOSF. This will be our second year as a full fledged member in good standing of the Military, Veterans, and Patriotic Service Organizations of America Federation. As a member of this federation we are considered in the top 5% of charitable organizations in America qualified to display the Best In America logo. We are also, in addition to being in the National Combined Federal Campaign, participants in all state and local fundraising events. The exciting thing is that, with our increased participation across the country, and around the globe, we look forward to our annual revenues growing sufficiently to enable us to once again increase our scholarship grant totals.

Contact Information

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 101A
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Nondiscrimination Policy. The CPOSF shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, or religion in the administration of any of its educational, admissions or employment policies, programs and operations.



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