The annual CGIA Reunion for 2009 was held in Portland, Maine from 11 to 14 October.

There were 26 active CGIA members in attendance and 18 spouses, other family members as well. Here’s a complete report from gable to gable on a great reunion!

**BREAKFAST BUFFET -- 12 OCTOBER 2009**

President SANFORD welcomed members and guests and introduced CGIA Officers / Executive Board

Members On behalf of CGIA members, President SANFORD recognized Riccardo (Dick) DIONISIO and Bruce SHIELS as the first CGIA "Members Emeritus" in recognition of their outstanding service, dedication and professionalism throughout their careers with the U.S. Coast Guard and to the Coast Guard Investigative Association.

**CGIA MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 12 OCTOBER 2009**

a. After the Invocation by CGIA Chaplain Bruce SHIELS and the Pledge of Allegiance, Bruce stated he heard from numerous members not in attendance expressing their greetings to attendees and regret at not being able to attend. He then commented (in part) as follows:

"I've asked for and been given a few minutes to sort of 'recap' certain aspects of the two years' transition from a 'Professional' concept of our Association to a 'Fraternal and Social' association OF 'Professionals". Looking back to our first gathering in Branson, MO in May of 2005), the 51 souls present voted to form up as a 'Professional' Association." Like any association or group formed up out of 'whole cloth' (as it were), we experienced 'growing pains' which pretty well came to a head between our 2007 conference in Orlando and our 2008 conference in Reno." "It is this writer's observation that the 28 souls who sat down a year ago, in Reno, amicably settled and changed the course of the association, with emphasis on 'getting together' to enjoy renewing old friendships and CGIA associations and reminiscing about things that draw and hold us together. Generally (unseen below the radar), is a faithful remnant that will hold to a sound concept and 'hang in there' to keep that sound concept afloat and underway. Little by little, I think the Association will continue on with those 'kind'' of folks, and hopefully some of those who've 'jumped ship' may decide the crew has come to its senses and settled down to a more 'practical and functioning' evolution." I will be glad to provide the entire text of remarks by Bruce upon request.

b. President Ray SANFORD noted that the hard work by CGI/CGIS investigators/agents in the 1960's, 70, 80's and 90's led them to "...being ready after 9/11/2001". He also made it known that Jack Pressler seeks stories, anecdotes, remembrances from CGIA members for inclusion in "A History of CGIS' being written. Those interested in participating may send their information to Jack at jdpressler@gmail.com or to his home address. On behalf of those in attendance in attendance, President SANFORD thanked Bud HALL for his outstanding service in organizing the 2009 reunion. c. The Secretary's Minutes for the 2008 CGIA Reunion in Reno were read and unanimously accepted by the membership. The Treasurer's report was read and unanimously accepted by the membership.

d. Howard GIBLIN furnished a report from the Incorporation Committee. He noted the incorporation process for CGIA has taken "several years" since initial discussions on the topic. Recently former Special Agent Dale CARR volunteered to serve as the "resident agent" in the State of Nevada. That being accomplished, CGIA was officially incorporated as of 04 August 2009.

e. Howard GIBLIN stated only one associate member joined CGIA in 2009. He made it clear the association must initiate a more aggressive, communicative approach regarding prospective members (including reaching out to former and current members of the USCG Reserve). He asked for at least two members to work with him on the CGIA Membership Committee. Finally, Howard also commended Jeff KILPATRICK for a "Great Job" after he volunteered to assume the duties of Secretary for CGIA within the past few months.

f. President SANFORD stated only one election need be addressed at this reunion. He said Jeff KILPATRICK has volunteered to serve the remaining term of the previous Secretary. Past President Armand CHAPEAU moved to approve Jeff as the Association's Secretary until the 2010 Executive Board elections in Portland, Oregon. That was seconded by Walt BODNER and Jeff KILPATRICK was unanimously elected.

g. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

h. NEWBUSINESS: AMENDMENT TO CGIA CHARTER – LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Past President CHAPEAU presented discussion regarding an amendment to the CGIA Charter regarding Lifetime Membership. He proposed payment for a Lifetime Membership (which was rejected at the 2007 Orlando Reunion) on the sliding scale shown below. After discussion, the proposed scale was unanimously approved:

Under Age 30 $200.00 31 - 40 $185.00 41 - 50 $165.00 51 - 60 $145.00 61 - 70 $115.00 71 - 80 $ 85.00 81 - 89 $ 50.00 90 and Up No Fee

**REPORT ON 2010 CGIA REUNION TO DATE**

Tom CRAIG furnished a detailed report regarding the 2010 Reunion in Portland, Oregon from 8 to 10 October. The reunion will be held at the Double Tree Inn in Portland; there are many sightseeing and other venues available; rooms will cost $99.00 per night; there is a $9.00 per day parking fee; the "MAX" transit system is free in the local area; a large shopping center is nearby (Lloyd Center); there are "Tourist Walks" available and a "Spirit" Cruise is also available. Arrangements can be made to visit local Coast Guard units. The Association needs to book 45 rooms in order to lock in the $99.00 room rate and other services/venues provided by the Double Tree Inn.

Ken BRANDAL recommended Williamsburg Virginia as the site for the 2011Reunion to be hosted by the Southwest Region.

President SANFORD stated regional directors and members should discuss possible reunion sites for 2011 and present their findings to the membership and Executive Board. END OF NEW BUSINESS

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – GUEST SPEAKERS**

Past President Armand (Toby) CHAPEAU gave a very interesting account of his Coast Guard career, especially as it related to his tours of duty at sea combating drug interdiction and with CGI.

Additional details will be furnished upon request.

Gene TULICH also gave a very interesting account of his career with CGI and as a member of USCG PACAREA Intelligence Division, including his tour as Division Chief with PACAREA (Poi) from 1983 to 1985). Additional details, including the "Brief History of the USCG PACAREA Intelligence Division" will be provided upon request.

After the Benediction by Bruce SHIELS, the motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1257, 12 October 2009.

**DINNER BUFFET -- 13 OCTOBER 2009**

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Marty MARTINEZ, Assistant Director of the U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS). Mr. MARTINEZ furnished an update on the ever-increasing and widespread responsibilities assigned to CGIS, including assignment of personnel to overseas duty. He also discussed current policy regarding tour lengths, recruiting policies, CGIS "basic training" at USCG Training Center, Yorktown, VA, i.e., CGIS now provides initial training for persons aspiring to be special agents with CGIS, as well as ongoing training. Mr. MARTINEZ then fielded questions from those in attendance. In attendance with Mr. MARTINEZ was Mr. Bill NEWBAUER, CGIS Training, Yorktown, VA.

In recognition of his longstanding service and dedication to U.S. Coast Guard Intelligence, U.S. Coast Guard Investigations and the U. S. Coast Guard Investigative Service, a plaque expressing their respect and gratitude from CGIA membership was presented by President SANFORD to MemberEmeritus and Lifetime Member Mr. Riccardo R. ("Dick") DIONISIO.

CGIA Membership Cards were distributed to present members.

**RINGING OF THE BELL CEREMONY FOR DECEASED MEMBERS**

Member Emeritus / Chaplain Bruce SHIELS read the "Roster of Fallen/Deceased Investigators (XIs) and Special Agents".

BENEDICTION BY CGIA CHAPLAIN BRUCE SHIELS.

The CGIA 2009 Reunion was officially concluded.

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