

## Recommendation to include YNCM Frank Love to the 100 Greatest Chiefs Circle

In 1984 in District 17, the Chief of Staff transferred me to the job of Chief of Personnel. Being an aviator, I had little knowledge about personnel, but was assured that help was coming in the person of YNCM Love. The division was literally in a shambles, we had a member facing a General Courts Martial, a CWO accused of improper relations with a female YN, and a scheme to cheat on Service Wide Exams. Fortunately, the bad apples were gone, but the division faced morale problems. In addition, the Coast Guard was reorganizing personnel and pay activities under the YN rate, eventually eliminating SK's. In D17, we were consolidating the YN's, taking some from AIRSTA KODIAK. Service wide, the PPC was forming up in Topeka, consolidating personnel and pay under one command.

YNCM Love's experience, talent and foresight were a blessing as we confronted these challenges. Before a problem could become significant, he had solutions. An example was a seaman reporting to a WLB in Cordova. He arrived with a wife and child, while the ship was underway. The seaman contacted the CO's wife and literally stood on her doorstep out of diapers, money, housing, and she was at wits' end. YNCM Love quickly solved the immediate problem with a morale loan wired to the CO's wife, to get the young couple off the street. He then blistered CGHQ about sending this young man, who no one knew was married, to a very isolated billet, Cordova, and then followed up with the Cutter.

This was just one example of how YNCM Love took care of things. He reorganized our personnel division, instituted training for the YN's preparing them to assume pay responsibilities, and injected new esprit into his people. He was active in the community, headed up a bowling team, attended functions with other commands in Juneau, recognized and awarded those that deserved recognition, and was a model of perfection wearing his uniform properly and coaching this old aviator to look sharp and set the example. His common sense was uncommonly terrific, and the division's relations with other divisions, the front office, and District commands was truly outstanding.

In my 37 years of military service, YNCM Love represents the epitome of the term, "CHIEF". I sincerely am pleased to submit his name to be placed in the elite group of 100 Chiefs.

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