



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

U.S. NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY NAPLES ITALY
PSC 817 BOX 1
FPO AE 09622-0001

Canc: Dec 25

NAVSUPPACTNAPLESNOTE 5060

N1

18 Aug 25

NAVSUPPACT NAPLES NOTICE 5060

From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy

Subj: COMMISSIONING CEREMONY OF NCC(SW/AW) RASHAAD S. ETHRIDGE,
USN

Encl: (1) Assignment of Responsibilities
(2) Schedule of Events
(3) Ceremony Script

1. Purpose. To promulgate responsibilities, schedule, and script for the commissioning ceremony of NCC(SW/AW) Rashaad S. Ethridge, USN.

2. Background

a. NCC Ethridge was selected for commission via the Limited Duty Officer/Chief Warrant Officer (LDO/CWO) In-Service Procurement Program for Administration (6410) LDO.

b. NCC Ethridge's commissioning ceremony will be held on Monday, 1 December 2025 at 1000. The ceremony will take place at the U.S. Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy, Command Conference Center.

3. Uniform

a. Participants. Service Dress Blues.

b. Military Guests. Uniform of the day.

c. Civilian Guests. Appropriate civilian attire.

4. Action. ISC Shanelle Williams and NC1 Martika Velasquez are designated as the overall coordinators for the commissioning ceremony and responsible for ensuring execution of assignments listed in enclosures (1) and (2).

5. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this notice, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy Assistant for Administrative, Directives, and Records Management Division portal

page at: <https://portal.secnave.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).

RANDAZZO.JOHN.L
UCIAN.1035461376



Digitally signed by
RANDAZZO.JOHN.LUCIAN.103546
1376
Date: 2025.08.18 08:19:34 +02'00'

J. L. RANDAZZO

Releasability and distribution:

NAVSUPPACTNAPLESINST 5216.4D

Lists: I through IV

Electronic via NAVSUPPACT Naples website:

<https://cnreurafcen.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/NSA-Naples/About/Installation-Guide/Department-directory/N1-Administration-Department/Notice>

ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Ceremony Coordinator</u>	ISC Shanelle Williams NC1 Martika Velasquez
<u>Presiding Officer</u>	CAPT John Randazzo
<u>Commissioning Officer</u>	LT Camea Baksh
<u>Master of Ceremonies</u>	RPC Toya Shine
<u>Guest Speaker</u>	CDR Richard Rivas MAC(Ret) TY Thomas
<u>National Anthem</u>	MA2 Savanna Davis Ms. Annunziata Arpante
<u>Color Guard</u>	MA1 Jullian Aguinaga MA1 Sara Foster MA2 Andrew Marroquin MA2 Damone Morton
<u>Sideboys</u>	ABHC Akiel Mayers CSC Andreanov Castillo MAC Stanley Volne NCC Flordaliso Cordova NCC Teri Richards YNC Brandon Bogan
<u>Honors Bos'n</u>	MA3 Yaron Leonrosado
<u>Bell Ringer</u>	RP2 Tyesha Figueroa
<u>Invocation/Benediction</u>	CAPT James Dance
<u>Removal of CPO Cover</u>	NCCM Romeo Calicdan
<u>Removal of Anchors</u>	NCCS Shaquanta Chukwuma ABHC Sirita Weaver PSC Laterrei Russell YNC Joesil Moore
<u>Donning of Officer Cover</u>	LT Elizabeth Chea

NAVSUPPACTNAPLESNOTE 5060
18 Aug 25

Donning of Officer Insignia

Mr. Al Ethridge, Jr.
Ms. Monique Collins
Ms. Gwendolyn Fields
Ms. Altheria Barnett

First Salute

RP2 Lydia Dailey
MA3 Joshua Delgado
YN3 Anthony Armstrong

Mustang Creed

LT Jonathan Harris

Certificate of Appointment

CWO4 Todd Haywood

CPO Transition Creed

MACM Jerome Taylor

Passing of Anchors

DC1 Jacob Helmick
LN1 Zelma Ali
LS1 Jerome Zilton
MA1 Patrick Edwards
OS1 Jaquil Mitchell
YN1 Marcus Evans

Ushers

MM2 Miriam Juarez
RP2 Charles Wannen
YN2 Andrew Bond
YN2 Emilee Bussing
YN2 Naomi Perez

Photographer

NAVSUPPACT Naples PAO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2025

0900	Ushers and Sideboys muster for briefing
0930	Ushers stand-by to escort visitors to their seats
0955	The Master of Ceremonies takes position
0955	Guests are asked to take their seats and silence cell phones
1000	Ceremony begins/Arrival of Official Party
1002	Parading of the Colors/National Anthems
1005	Invocation
1012	Opening Remarks
1015	Guest Speaker
1020	Guest Speaker
1030	Presentation of End of Tour Award
1033	Reading of the Chief Petty Officer's Transition Creed
1035	Retirement of CPO Cover into Chief's Mess
1040	Passing of Anchors
1044	Reading of "What is a Mustang?"
1047	Insignia Placing and Cover Donning and First Salute
1050	Oath of Office
1053	First Salute
1055	ENS Ethridge's Remarks
1110	Benediction
1115	End of Ceremony

CEREMONY SCRIPT

0930 PARTICIPANTS IN PLACE

0945 GUEST ARRIVAL AND SEATING

0955 MASTER OF CEREMONIES APPROACHES THE PODIUM

MC: “LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE CEREMONY WILL COMMENCE IN APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES, PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS AND SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES.”

1000 CEREMONY COMMENCES

MC: “BOS’N, POST THE SIDEBOYS.”

BM: “AYE-AYE CHIEF!”

(BOATSWAIN DIRECTS SIDEBOYS INTO POSITION)

MC: “GOOD MORNING, I AM CHIEF PETTY OFFICER TOYA SHINE AND I AM HONORED TO BE YOUR MASTER OF CEREMONIES FOR TODAY’S EVENT. WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE RISE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY AND REMAIN STANDING FOR THE SINGING OF THE ITALIAN AND AMERICAN NATIONAL ANTHEMS, AND THE INVOCATION BY CHAPLAIN JAMES DANCE”.

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

MC: “TIME ORDERLY: STRIKE, 2 BELLS (**) “CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, UNITED STATES NAVY, ARRIVING!”

MC: “TIME ORDERLY: STRIKE, 2 BELLS (**) “LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES NAVY, ARRIVING!”

MC: “TIME ORDERLY: STRIKE, 4 BELLS (** **) “NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, NAPLES, ITALY, ARRIVING!”

NATIONAL ANTHEM

MC: “THE ITALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM WILL BE PERFORMED BY MISS ANNUCIA ARPANTE AND THE AMERICAN NATIONAL ANTHEM WILL BE PERFORMED BY MA2 SAVANNAH DAVIS.”

MC: “COLOR GUARD, PARADE THE COLORS.”

(WAIT UNTIL AFTER COLOR GUARD PRESENTS ARMS.)

MC: “COLOR GUARD, RETIRE THE COLORS.”

(COLOR GUARD POSTS THE COLORS)

INVOCATION

MC: “CHAPLAIN DANCE WILL NOW DELIVER THE INVOCATION.”

(CAPT DANCE GOES TO THE PODIUM AND DELIVERS INVOCATION)

CH: “LET US PRAY...AMEN”

(CAPT DANCE RETURNS TO HIS SEAT)

MC: “BOS’N, POST THE SIDEBOYS!

BM: “AYE-AYE CHIEF!”

(BOATSWAIN DIRECTS SIDEBOYS INTO POSITION)

WELCOME

MC: “WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE BE SEATED. TODAY’S CEREMONY WILL BE AN UNCOVERED EVENT; OFFICIAL PARTY REMAIN COVERED.”

MC: “CAPTAIN, XO, CMC, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND SHIPMATES. GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME. TODAY’S CEREMONY IS A REFLECTION OF OUR NAVY’S RICH HERITAGE AND TRADITION. AS A PART OF THAT TRADITION WE HAVE COME TOGETHER TO WITNESS AND CELEBRATE A TRANSITION – THE COMMISSIONING OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER RASHAAD ETHRIDGE FROM THE ENLISTED RANKS TO THE OFFICER RANKS AS A LIMITED DUTY OFFICER.”

MC: “THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY YOU WITNESS TODAY IS A REFLECTION OF THE RICH HERITAGE OF OUR NAVAL TRADITION. CUSTOM HAS ESTABLISHED THAT THIS CEREMONY BE IMPRESSIVE DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE RESPECT FOR DEDICATED SERVICE THAT IS VITAL TO ANY MILITARY ORGANIZATION.”

MC: "THE NAVY'S LIMITED DUTY OFFICER IS A UNIQUE PART OF THE NAVAL SERVICE. LDO'S ARE SENIOR ENLISTED SAILORS THAT HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED TO THE OFFICER RANKS TO SERVE AS TECHNICAL MANAGERS IN THEIR AREA OF EXPERTISE. THESE 'MUSTANG' OFFICERS HAVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, ARE EXPERTS IN THEIR CRAFT, AND FILL CRITICAL POSITIONS IN THE NAVY THAT REQUIRES SUCH EXPERTISE."

OPENING REMARKS

MC: "IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU THE PRESIDING OFFICER FOR TODAY'S CEREMONY, CAPTAIN JOHN RANDAZZO FOR OPENING REMARKS"

(CAPT RANDAZZO DELIVERS REMARKS)

MC: "THANK YOU CAPTAIN FOR YOUR INSPIRING WORDS OF WISDOM."

SPECIAL REMARKS

MC: "ALLOW ME TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PRESENTATION SCREEN FOR SOME SPECIAL REMARKS FROM CDR RICK RIVAS."

(VIDEO PLAYS CDR RIVAS' REMARKS)

GUEST SPEAKER

MC: "IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR TODAY'S CEREMONY, CHIEF PETTY OFFICER (RETIRED) TY THOMAS."

(TY THOMAS DELIVERS REMARKS)

MC: "THANK YOU TY FOR YOUR INSPIRING WORDS OF WISDOM."

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

MC: "AT THIS TIME, THE COMMANDING OFFICER WILL PRESENT CHIEF ETHRIDGE WITH HIS END OF TOUR AWARD"

MC: "CHIEF ETHRIDGE FRONT AND CENTER!"

MC: "WILL THE GUEST PLEASE STAND"

MC: "ATTENTION TO AWARD".

(MC READS AWARD AS CO PRESENTS AWARD.)

MC: "WILL THE GUEST PLEASE BE SEATED."

TRANSITION CREED

MC: "CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ETHRIDGE'S COMMISSION AS A LIMITED DUTY OFFICER BEGINS A NEW CHAPTER IN HIS DISTINGUISHED NAVAL CAREER – THUS ENDING HIS SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED SAILOR AND CHIEF PETTY OFFICER."

MC: "MASTER CHIEF JEROME TAYLOR WILL NOW READ THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICER TRANSITION CREED."

MACM TAYLOR READS

MACM: "YOU HAVE THIS DAY EXPERIENCED THAT WHICH COMES TO MANY OF US WHO SERVED AS A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN OUR NAVY.

I SAY 'OUR NAVY' BECAUSE YOUR DEPARTURE FROM THE FRATERNITY OF THE CHIEF IN NO WAY TERMINATES OUR RELATIONSHIP, OUR REGARDS, OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE SERVICE, AND OUR FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS.

THE RESPECT THAT YOU EARNED AS 'THE CHIEF 'WAS BASED IN THE SAME ATTRIBUTES THAT YOU WILL CARRY INTO YOUR LEADERSHIP ROLE AS A NAVAL OFFICER.

HAVE NO REGRETS. WE VIEW YOUR COMMISSIONING ORDERS NOT AS AN END TO AN ERA, BUT AS ORDERS TO A NEW CHALLENGING ASSIGNMENT.

REMEMBER WELL THAT YOU HAVE BEEN, AND ALWAYS WILL BE AN ACCEPTED MEMBER OF THE MOST EXCLUSIVE OF ALL MARITIME FRATERNITIES -

THAT OF A 'UNITED STATES NAVY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER.'"

"ONCE A CHIEF, ALWAYS A CHIEF."

MC: "THANK YOU MASTER CHIEF."

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (CPO MESS)

MC: “NSA NAPLES COMMAND MASTER CHIEF CELINA MILLER WILL NOW PRESENT A GIFT FROM THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ’MESS.”

(CMDMCM PRESENTS THE GIFT)

MC: “THANK YOU CMC.”

DISCHARGE

MC: “AT THIS TIME, LIEUTENANT CAMEA BAKSH WILL DISCHARGE CHIEF ETHRIDGE FROM ENLISTED SERVICE”

MC: “CHIEF ETHRIDGE FRONT AND CENTER!”

MC: “WILL THE GUEST PLEASE STAND.”

MC: “ATTENTION TO DISCHARGE!”

MC: “HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT CHIEF NAVY COUNSELOR RASHAAD S. ETHRIDGE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY ON THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025. THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED AS A TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL SERVICE.”

RETIRE ANCHORS AND COVER

MC: “CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ETHRIDGE WILL NOW ‘CHUCK’, I MEANT, RETIRE HIS ANCHORS AND COVER.”

MC: “CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ETHRIDGE’S COVER WILL BE REMOVED BY MASTER CHIEF ROME CALICDAN, HIS JACKET WILL BE REMOVED BY SENIOR CHIEF QUE CHUKWUMA AND CHIEF PETTY OFFICER SIRITA WEAVER, HIS SHOULDER EPILETS WILL BE REMOVED BY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JOESIL MOORE AND CHIEF PETTY OFFICER LATERREI RUSSEL.”

(SENIOR CHIEF CHUKWUMA UNBUTTONS JACKET AND CHIEF WEAVER REMOVES JACKET, CHIEF MOORE AND CHIEF RUSSEL REMOVE THE ANCHOR EPILETS AND PLACE ON TABLE. MASTER CHIEF CALICDAN REMOVES COVER AND PLACES ASIDE.)

PASSING THE ANCHORS

MC: “IN KEEPING WITH NAVAL TRADITION, IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR A NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICER – AND PRIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER - TO PASS DOWN HIS ANCHORS TO A PERSON, OR PERSONS, WHOM HE BELIEVES IS READY FOR ADVANCEMENT.”

MC: “THIS SYMBOLIC GESTURE IMPLIES THAT THESE SAILORS ARE RECOGNIZED TO POSSESS THE LEADERSHIP ABILITY, INTEGRITY, AND CHARACTER NECESSARY TO LEAD AS A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER.”

MC: “PETTY OFFICER EDWARDS, PETTY OFFICER ZILTON, PETTY OFFICER EVANS, PETTY OFFICER AUGINAGA, PETTY OFFICER ALI, AND PETTY OFFICER HELMICK FRONT AND CENTER.”

(PETTY OFFICERS, ALI, EDWARDS, EVANS, HELMICK, MITCHELL, AND ZILTON RECEIVE CHIEF ETHRIDGE'S ANCHORS.)

“WHAT IS A MUSTANG”

MC: “LIEUTENANT JONATHAN HARRIS WILL NOW READ “WHAT IS A MUSTANG?”

LT HARRIS READS

LT: “A MUSTANG IS AN OFFICER WHO HAS PROMOTED UP FROM THE RANKS OF NAVY ENLISTED PERSONNEL WITH NO INTERRUPTION OF HIS/HER ACTIVE DUTY STATUS. IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MUSTANG OFFICER IS A CAREER SAILOR AND NORMALLY WEARS ONE OR MORE GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS.”

“MUSTANGS ARE A VERY UNIQUE PART OF THE NAVY. THEY SERVE IN ROLES LIKE NO OTHER COMMISSIONED OFFICER CAN. COMMISSIONED AS A LIMITED DUTY OFFICER (LDO) OR CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO), MUSTANGS ARE THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN CALLED FROM THEIR SENIOR ENLISTED RANKS TO SERVE AS TECHNICAL MANAGERS. THEY HAVE THE EXPERIENCE AND AUTHORITY IN SITUATIONS THAT CALL FOR OFFICER RANK AND PROTOCOL BUT REQUIRE THE ENLISTED HEART AND TECHNICAL BACKGROUND TO GET THE JOB ACCOMPLISHED.”

MUSTANG IS A RELATIVELY MODERN, SEA-SERVICE TERM, ORIGINATING EITHER JUST PRIOR TO, OR DURING WORLD WAR II. IT LITERALLY REFERS TO THE MUSTANG HORSE, WHICH IS A WILD ANIMAL AND THEREFORE NOT A THOROUGHBRED.”

“ONE CAN EASILY SEE THE PARALLEL BETWEEN HORSES AND MUSTANG NAVAL OFFICERS. AFTER BEING CAPTURED, THE MUSTANG CAN BE TAMED AND SADDLE BROKEN BUT IT ALWAYS HAS A BIT OF A WILD STREAK. THE MUSTANG CAN PERIODICALLY REVERT TO ITS OLD WAYS UNEXPECTEDLY AND THEREFORE THE OWNER (COMMANDING OFFICER) NEEDS TO KEEP AN EYE ON IT AT ALL TIMES.”

“BY THE SAME TOKEN, HOWEVER, SINCE A MUSTANG WAS FORMERLY WILD AND FREE, IT MAY VERY WELL BE SMARTER, MORE CAPABLE AND POSSESS A BETTER SURVIVAL INSTINCT THAN THOROUGHBREDS. THE MUSTANG CAN TAKE CARE OF ITSELF WHEN THINGS GET TOUGH, THRIVING ON ROUGH TREATMENT, WHILE THE THOROUGHBRED, HAVING BEEN PAMPERED ITS WHOLE LIFE, CANNOT.”

“THIS EXPLAINS ANOTHER ACCOUNTING FOR THE TERM ‘MUSTANG’ DERIVED FROM US NAVAL ACADEMY GRADS WHO CONSIDERED THEMSELVES THOROUGHBREDS. INITIALLY USED TO INSULT THE ‘LOWER CLASS’ OF PRIOR ENLISTED OFFICERS, THEY CALLED OUR HONORED PREDECESSORS ‘MUSTANGS’ BECAUSE WE WERE LESS THAN PURE. BUT BECAUSE MUSTANGS ARE RESILIENT, THIS ILL-SPIRITED SLUR STUCK AND SOON BECAME A COVETED BADGE OF HONOR.”

“TODAY, ‘MUSTANG’ IS USED IN A COMPLIMENTARY SENSE AND GARNERS RESPECT! INDEED, THE LDO/CWO CAN RIGHTFULLY LAY CLAIM TO THIS TRADITIONAL MUSTANG CREED UPON RECEIVING A COMMISSION:”

“I DID IT THE HARD WAY...I EARNED IT!”

MC: “THANK YOU LIEUTENANT.”

PLACEMENT OF INSIGNIA AND COVER

MC: “CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ETHRIDGE’S FAMILY WILL NOW PLACE ON HIS OFFICER RANK. HIS GRANDMOTHERS, MS. GWENDOLYN FIELDS AND MS. ALTHERIA BARNETT WILL AFFIX HIS SHOULDER EPILETS AND HIS MOTHER, MS. MONIQUE COLLINS AND HIS FATHER, MR. AL

ETHRIDGE, JR WILL DON HIS COAT. LIEUTENANT ELIZABETH CHEA
WILL PLACE THE OFFICER'S COVER."

(FAMILY MEMBERS ESCORTED TO THE FRONT BY USHERS)

*(MS. FIELDS AND MS. BARNETT PLACE THE ENSIGN EPILETS AND MR.
ETHRIDGE DONS COAT AND MS. COLLINS BUTTONS COAT. LIEUTENANT CHEA
PLACES COVER.)*

OATH OF OFFICE

MC: "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE
COMMISSIONING OFFICIAL FOR TODAY'S CEREMONY, LIEUTENANT
CAMEA BAKSH."

(LT BAKSH WILL SAY A FEW WORDS/REMARKS.)

MC: "THANK YOU MA'AM."

MC: "WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE RISE; MILITARY PERSONNEL,
ATTENTION TO OATH."

(LT BAKSH ADMINISTERS THE OATH.)

"I, RASHAAD ETHRIDGE, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL
SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES
AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC;

THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME;
THAT I TAKE THIS OBLIGATION FREELY, WITHOUT ANY MENTAL
RESERVATION OR PURPOSE OF EVASION; AND THAT I WILL WELL
AND FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE UPON
WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER, SO HELP ME GOD."

MC: "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ENSIGN RASHAAD ETHRIDGE!"

MC: "CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER TODD HAYWOOD WILL NOW PRESENT
THE CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT."

(CWO4 HAYWOOD PRESENTS THE CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT.)

FIRST SALUTE

MC: “AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, MILITARY CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN ONE’S NAVAL CAREER. ONE OF THE TRADITIONS THAT HAVE WITHSTOOD THE TEST OF TIME IS THE PASSING OF A SILVER DOLLAR FROM A NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICER TO THE FIRST ENLISTED SAILOR WHO SALUTES THEM. DATING BACK TO OUR COUNTRY’S REVOLUTIONARY WAR, A NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICER WAS PAIRED WITH A SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER, OR NCO, TO MENTOR AND TRAIN THE JUNIOR OFFICER IN COMPETENCE AND LEADERSHIP. AS PAYMENT, THE GOVERNMENT COMPENSATED THE NCO WITH ONE EXTRA DOLLAR A MONTH. EVENTUALLY THIS ‘DOLLAR ’COMPENSATION WAS ABOLISHED, BUT THE OBLIGATION FOR NCO’S TO TRAIN JUNIOR OFFICERS REMAINED; THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF OUR NAVY CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS. TODAY, THE SILVER-DOLLAR SALUTE IS A SYMBOLIC TRADITION THAT RECOGNIZES AND HONORS THE NCO FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL MENTORSHIP AND INFLUENCE IN PREPARING ONE TO LEAD AS A MILITARY OFFICER.”

MC: “ENSIGN ETHRIDGE WILL NOW RETURN HIS FIRST SALUTE AS A NAVAL OFFICER. PETTY OFFICER DAILEY, PETTY OFFICER DELGADO, AND PETTY OFFICER ARMSTRONG FRONT AND CENTER.”

(YN3 ARMSTRONG, MA3 DELGADO, AND RP2 DAILEY WILL GREET ENSIGN ETHRIDGE AND SMARTLY RENDER A SALUTE. ENSIGN ETHRIDGE RETURNS THE SALUTE AND PRESENTS THEM WITH A SILVER DOLLAR.)

REMARKS ENSIGN ETHRIDGE

MC: “LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, IT IS MY HONOR TO INTRODUCE THE NAVY’S NEWEST OFFICER, ENSIGN RASHAAD ETHRIDGE, UNITED STATES NAVY.”

(ENSIGN ETHRIDGE DELIVERS REMARKS AND RETURNS TO SEAT)

MC: “THANK YOU SIR!”

BENEDICTION

MC: “LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BEFORE WE CONCLUDE TODAY’S CEREMONY, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK CHAPLAIN DANCE TO COME BACK UP AND GIVE THE BENEDICTION.”

(CAPT DANCE DELIVERS BENEDICTION)

MC: “THANK YOU CHAPLAIN DANCE.”

DEPARTURE OF OFFICIAL PARTY

MC: “BOATSWAIN POST THE SIDEBOYS.”

BM: “AYE-AYE CHIEF!”

(BOATSWAIN DIRECTS SIDEBOYS INTO POSITION)

MC: “FAMILY, FRIENDS PLEASE RISE AS THE OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS.
MILITARY PERSONNEL, COVER! ATTENTION ON DECK!”

(OFFICIAL PARTY PROCEEDS OFF STAGE)

MC: “TIME ORDERLY: STRIKE, 4 BELLS (**, **) NAVAL SUPPORT
ACTIVITY, NAPLES, ITALY, DEPARTING!”

MC: “TIME ORDERLY: STRIKE, 2 BELLS (**) LIEUTENANT, UNITED
STATES NAVY, DEPARTING!”

MC: “TIME ORDERLY: STRIKE, 2 BELLS (**) ENSIGN, UNITED STATES
NAVY, DEPARTING!”

MC: “THIS CONCLUDES TODAY’S CEREMONY. THERE WILL BE A
RECEPTION IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. PLEASE COME FORWARD
AND CONGRATULATE ENSIGN ETHRIDGE.”

1115 END OF COMMISSIONING CEREMONY