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From: Commander, Naval Education and Training Command

Subj: RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR CULINARY SPECIALIST FIRST CLASS
EVAN KERN, USN

Encl: (1) Sequence of Events
(2) Retirement Ceremony Area Diagram

1. Purpose. To provide information, outline procedures, and assign responsibilities for conducting subject ceremony. Enclosures (1) and (2) provide guidance and should be reviewed in their entirety.

2. Background. CS1 Evan Kern United States Navy (USN), will transfer to the Fleet Reserve 30 June 2026. A retirement ceremony will be conducted at Historic Quarters A at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida at 1200 on Tuesday, 21 April 2026. All Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) military and civilian personnel are cordially invited to attend.

3. Action. The following duties and responsibilities are assigned:

- a. Mr. Tod Shuls: Will serve as Master of Ceremonies (MC).
- b. GM1 Sabriel Lewis and LN1 Chantal Cherisca: Assigned as action officers and are responsible for the overall coordination of events. Arranges bell ringer, honors boatswain's (BOS'N) mate, and color guard.
- c. First Lieutenant: Set up chairs (100), bullets, and red carpet prior to ceremony.
- d. Public Affairs Officer: Provide official photography services.
- e. Side boys, bell ringer, and Honors BOS'N will be identified week of execution.

f. The Watch. The Watch will be read by GM1 Sabriel Lewis

4. Uniform

- a. Official Party: Summer White
- b. Side boys: Service Dress White
- c. Participants: Service Dress White
- d. Guests: Uniform of the Day (Military)
Business Casual (Civilian)

5. Rehearsal. A rehearsal for key participants will be held at the Historic Quarters A at 1100 on Monday, 20 April 2026. Key personnel are:

- MC
- Action Officers
- Side boys
- Color Guard
- Bell Ringer
- The Watch Reader

6. Action Plan - Day of Ceremony: 21 April 2026. RADM Gregory Huffman (Commander, NETC (CNETC)), presiding officer, and guest speaker RADM (Retired) Kyle Cozad (Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Naval Aviation Museum (NNAM) Foundation) arrives at 1145. Ceremony begins promptly at 1200. Upon conclusion of the ceremony, a reception will take place at the Historic Quarters A, 1 North Avenue, Pensacola, Florida, 32508.

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b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this notice or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager.



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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1030 COORDINATOR AND WORKING PARTY: ACCESS CEREMONY AREA AND ENSURE ALL IS PROPERLY RIGGED AND READY FOR THE CEREMONY. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL MUSTER WITH COORDINATOR.

1130 PHOTOGRAPHER SET UP AND IN PLACE.

BOS'N, SIDEBOYS, AND BELL RINGER ASSEMBLE IN RESPECTIVE DESIGNATED AREAS.

1145 RADM HUFFMAN, CS1 KERN, AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY ARRIVE AND AWAIT CEREMONY START.

1145 MC IN PLACE.

1150 CS1 KERN'S FAMILY AND GUESTS ARE SEATED.

1155 **MC** **"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS. OUR CEREMONY WILL BEGIN IN FIVE MINUTES."**

"AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES, THANK YOU."

1200 **MC** **"GOOD AFTERNOON, ON BEHALF OF COMMANDER, NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY."**

"MY NAME IS TOD SHULS, AND I WILL BE YOUR MASTER OF CEREMONIES. THE RETIREMENT CEREMONY IS RICH IN NAVAL TRADITION, WELL SUITED TO SEND A SHIPMATE ASHORE FOR THE LAST TIME."

"THE OFFICIAL PARTY IS NOW POSITIONED, AWAITING CEREMONIAL HONORS. AS WITH A NUMBER OF NAVAL CEREMONIES, U.S. NAVAL CUSTOMS HAVE ORIGINS OLDER THAN THE UNITED STATES ITSELF. THESE CEREMONIES

EVOLVED FROM THE DAILY ROUTINE OF SEAFARERS DURING THE ERA OF WOODEN HULLS, CANVAS SAILS, AND BRONZE CANNONS."

"THE APPROACH AND IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF IMPORTANT PERSONS WERE ANNOUNCED BY STRIKING THE SHIP'S BELL SO THAT THE APPROPRIATE CREWMEN COULD MAKE READY. ACTUAL ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE OF DIGNITARIES WAS SIGNALLED BY THE SHIP'S BOATSWAIN BLOWING THE PIPE."

"ON DECK, SENIOR OFFICERS AND DIGNITARIES PASSED THROUGH TWO ROWS FORMED BY SIDEBOYS AND WERE RENDERED HONORS AND SALUTES. TODAY, LISTEN AND WATCH AS THE SHIP'S BELL IS RUNG, THE BOATSWAIN'S MATE BLOWS THE PIPE, SIDEBOYS RENDER SALUTES, OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS ARE READ, AND SENIOR OFFICERS ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLED GUESTS."

"TODAY, WE WILL WITNESS THE FINAL MOMENTS OF A DISTINCTIVE AND REWARDING CAREER OF NAVAL SERVICE THAT HAS SPANNED 20 YEARS. WE HAVE GATHERED TO CONGRATULATE PETTY OFFICER KERN ON REACHING THIS MILESTONE AND OFFER A WORD OF "THANKS" FOR THE MANY SACRIFICES HE HAS MADE."

"WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE RISE AND REMAIN STANDING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICAL PARTY, THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS, AND THE INVOCATION."

MC "MILITARY PERSONNEL, COVER."

BOS'N RENDERS SIDE HONORS.

MC "BELL RINGER, STRIKE TWO BELLS."

MC "CULINARY SPECIALIST FIRST CLASS, UNITED STATES NAVY, ARRIVING."

MC "BELL RINGER, STRIKE SIX BELLS" (CNETC) .

MC "NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING, ARRIVING."
RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES PLAYED.

MC "COLOR GUARD, PARADE THE COLORS."

COLOR GUARD PARADES THE COLORS.

CS1 ANNOUNCES "HAND SALUTE" FOR THE OFFICIAL
KERN PARTY.

MC (WHEN COLORS ARE IN PLACE).
"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OUR NATIONAL
ANTHEM."

NOTE: ADJUTANT PLAY THE "NATIONAL
ANTHEM" SOUNDTRACK.

MC "COLOR GUARD, RETIRE THE COLORS."
(COLOR GUARD RETIRES.)

CS1 ANNOUNCES "READY TWO" FOR OFFICIAL PARTY
KERN TO DROP SALUTE.

MC "GUESTS PLEASE BE SEATED. MILITARY,
UNCOVER. BOS'N, POST THE SIDEBOYS."

NOTE: OFFICIAL PARTY TAKES SEATS ON
STAGE.

MC "AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF COMMANDER, NAVAL
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND, WELCOME
TO THIS SPECIAL OCCASION MARKING THE
RETIREMENT OF PETTY OFFICER KERN."

"OUR PRESIDING OFFICER IS REAR ADMIRAL
GREGORY HUFFMAN, COMMANDER, NAVAL
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND AND OUR
GUEST SPEAKER IS REAR ADMIRAL KYLE COZAD,
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE NAVAL AVIATION
MUSUEM FOUNDATION."

Enclosure (1)

**"WE EXTEND AN ESPECIALLY WARM WELCOME TO
PETTY OFFICER KERN'S WIFE ANGIE, SONS
AIDEN AND ELIJAH, PARENTS TONY AND BRE,
AND BROTHER NATE, FAMILY AND FRIENDS."**

**"WE ARE TRULY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE,
AND I KNOW IT MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO
PETTY OFFICER KERN TO HAVE YOU WITH HIM
ON THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY."**

MC

**"TODAY'S PRESIDING OFFICER IS REAR
ADMIRAL HUFFMAN, THE 22ND COMMANDER OF
NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND.
HIS BIOGRAPHY IS IN TODAY'S PROGRAM.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, REAR ADMIRAL
GREGORY HUFFMAN."**

RADM HUFFMAN REMARKS.

INTRODUCES GUEST SPEAKER, RADM COZAD

RADM COZAD REMARKS.

MC

**"THANK YOU ADMIRAL FOR THOSE KIND WORDS.
I WOULD NOW LIKE TO INTRODUCE "MRS.
ANGELA KERN.**

"MRS. KERN WILL GIVE BRIEF REMARKS."

NOTE: PAUSE WHILE MRS. KERN RETURNS TO
HER SEAT.

MC

**I WOULD NOW LIKE TO INTRODUCE "MR. AIDEN
KERN**

"MR. AIDEN KERN WILL GIVE BRIEF REMARKS."

NOTE: PAUSE WHILE MR. KERN RETURNS TO
HIS SEAT.

MC WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE RISE AS ADMIRAL HUFFMAN PRESENTS PETTY OFFICER KERN WITH A PERSONAL AWARD AND CERTIFICATES. MILITARY COVER."

"ATTENTION TO AWARD."

NOTE: CS1 KERN AND RADM HUFFMAN MOVE TO CENTER STAGE FOR PRESENTATION OF AWARD AND CERTIFICATE. MC READS CERTIFICATE WHILE RADM HUFFMAN PRESENTS.

NOTE: ADJUTANT WILL WALK CERTIFICATE TO STAGE. ONCE PHOTO IS TAKEN, ADJUTANT WILL RETRIEVE.

**** READ PERSONAL AWARD ****

NOTE: PAUSE AND LEAD APPLAUSE.

MC "GUESTS PLEASE BE SEATED. MILITARY UNCOVER."

MC "I WILL NOW READ A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY."

MC "ADDITIONALLY, PETTY OFFICER KERN RECEIVED RETIREMENT CERTIFICATES FROM PRESIDENTS GEORGE W. BUSH, BARACK OBAMA, AND GENERAL (RETIRED) JAMES MATTIS."

NOTE: PAUSE.

MC "PETTY OFFICER LEWIS PLEASE ESCORT PETTY OFFICER KERN'S FAMILY UP TO THE FRONT. ADMIRAL HUFFMAN WILL NOW PRESENT THE NAVY FAMILY WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION."

NOTE: PAUSE WHILE PETTY OFFICER LEWIS ESCORTS FAMILY TOWARDS STAGE TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATES.

MC

"BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO EXPRESS THE GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, TO YOU, FOR ENDURING THE FREQUENT AND LONG SEPARATION FROM YOUR HUSBAND, FATHER, AND SON AS HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY. THOSE MONTHS, INDEED YEARS THAT HE SPENT AWAY FROM YOU CONSTITUTE A CLEAR AND NOBLE DEMONSTRATION OF HIS LOVE FOR YOU AND HIS FAMILY. YOU SEE, HE LEFT YOU IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT YOU INHERITED A SAFER WORLD, A SURER PEACE. TO THOSE WHO SAY A SINGLE MAN CANNOT MAKE A DIFFERENCE, I SAY WRONG. PETTY OFFICER KERN DID! HE MADE OUR NAVY STRONGER AND KEPT OUR NATION SAFE. WITH HIS SERVICE

TO THE NAVY NOW COMPLETE, HE WILL BE ABLE TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE. THE UNITED STATES NAVY THANKS YOU FOR ENDURING THESE SEPARATIONS."

"SIGNED GREGORY HUFFMAN REAR ADMIRAL,
U.S. NAVY COMMANDER, NAVAL EDUCATION AND
TRAINING COMMAND"

NOTE: PAUSE WHILE FAMILY RETURN TO THEIR SEATS.

MC

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU THE MAN OF THE HOUR PETTY OFFICER EVAN KERN."

CS1

DELIVERS REMARKS.

PETTY OFFICER KERN PRESENTS HIS WIFE AND MOTHER WITH FLOWER BOUQUETS.

MC

"THE FLAG BEING PRESENTED TO PETTY OFFICER KERN THIS AFTERNOON WAS FLOWN OVER USS CONSTITUTION "OLD IRONSIDES" ON (DATE TO BE DETERMINED), 2026 TO COMMERATE HIS TRANSFER TO THE FLEET

Enclosure (1)

**RESERVE AND FOR HIS UNWAIVERING AND
SELFLESS SACRIFICE TO OUR NATION."**

CS1 PRESENTS FLAG TO WIFE AND RETURNS TO
PODIUM ON STAGE.

MC "ON BEHALF OF THE NAVAL EDUCATION AND
TRAINING COMMAND FIRST CLASS PETTY
OFFICER'S AND CHIEF'S MESS, PETTY OFFICER
LEWIS WILL NOW PRESENT PETTY OFFICER KERN
WITH HIS RETIREMENT SHADOW BOX."

MC "GM1 LEWIS WILL NOW READ THE WATCH."

NOTE: STINGER FOR EACH TIME "THIS SAILOR
STOOD THE WATCH" READ.

READER:

"FOR TWENTY YEARS
THIS SAILOR HAS STOOD THE WATCH.

WHILE SOME OF US WERE IN OUR BUNKS AT NIGHT
THIS SAILOR STOOD THE WATCH.

WHILE SOME OF US WERE IN SCHOOL LEARNING OUR TRADE
THIS SHIPMATE STOOD THE WATCH.

YES.. EVEN BEFORE SOME OF US WERE BORN INTO THIS WORLD
THIS SHIPMATE STOOD THE WATCH.

IN THOSE YEARS WHEN THE STORM CLOUDS OF WAR WERE SEEN BREWING ON
THE HORIZON OF HISTORY
THIS SHIPMATE STOOD THE WATCH.

MANY TIMES HE WOULD CAST AN EYE ASHORE AND SEE HIS FAMILY
STANDING THERE NEEDING HIS GUIDANCE AND HELP,
NEEDING THAT HAND TO HOLD DURING THOSE HARD TIMES
BUT HE STILL STOOD THE WATCH.

HE STOOD THE WATCH FOR TWENTY YEARS.
HE STOOD THE WATCH SO THAT WE, OUR FAMILIES AND OUR FELLOW
COUNTRYMEN COULD SLEEP SOUNDLY IN SAFETY, EACH AND EVERY NIGHT
KNOWING THAT A SAILOR STOOD THE WATCH."

Enclosure (1)

NOTE: GM1 LEWIS MOVES TO STAND BEFORE
PETTY OFFICER KERN.

**"TODAY WE ARE HERE TO SAY
'SHIPMATE... THE WATCH STANDS RELIEVED.**

**RELIEVED BY THOSE YOU HAVE TRAINED, GUIDED, AND LED,
SHIPMATE YOU STAND RELIEVED...WE HAVE THE WATCH..."**

NOTE: EXCHANGE SALUTES

MC **"BOATSWAIN. STANDBY TO PIPE THE SIDE.
SHIPMATE'S GOING ASHORE."**

NOTE: BOS'N WILL REPLY AND WILL QUEUE
SIDEBOYS TO GET INTO POSITION.

MC **"THIS ORDER HAS BEEN PASSED ON NAVAL
SHIPS FROM THE 1500S TO DATE. SPANISH,
FRENCH, ENGLISH, DUTCH...YES, ALL NAVIES
OF THE WORLD USE THE BOS'N, SIDEBOYS, AND
CALL TO BRING ABOARD OR SEND ASHORE ALL
OFFICERS, DIGNITARIES, AND VIPS."**

MC **"BOS'N, POST THE SIDEBOYS."**

MC **"WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE RISE AND REMAIN
STANDING. MILITARY, COVER."**

MC **"PETTY OFFICER KERN WILL REPORT TO
ADMIRAL HUFFMAN AND REQUEST TO GO ASHORE
FOR THE LAST TIME."**

NOTE: CS1 KERN MEETS RADM HUFFMAN AT
CENTER STAGE AND RENDERS SALUTE.

CS1
KERN (WHILE SALUTING) **"SIR, REQUEST PERMISSION
TO GO ASHORE."**

RADM
HUFFMAN (WHILE RETURNING SALUTE) **"PERMISSION
GRANTED."**

NOTE: CS1 KERN STEPS TO RED CARPET TO GO
SHORE.

Enclosure (1)

MC "BELL RINGER, STRIKE TWO BELLS."

MC "CULINARY SPECIALIST FIRST CLASS, UNITED STATES NAVY RETIRED, DEPARTING."

BOS'N PIPES ASHORE.

NOTE: CS1 KERN CIRCLES BACK TO GET FAMILY AND ESCORTS THEM TO THE RED CARPET.

MC "BELL RINGER, STRIKE 2 BELLS."

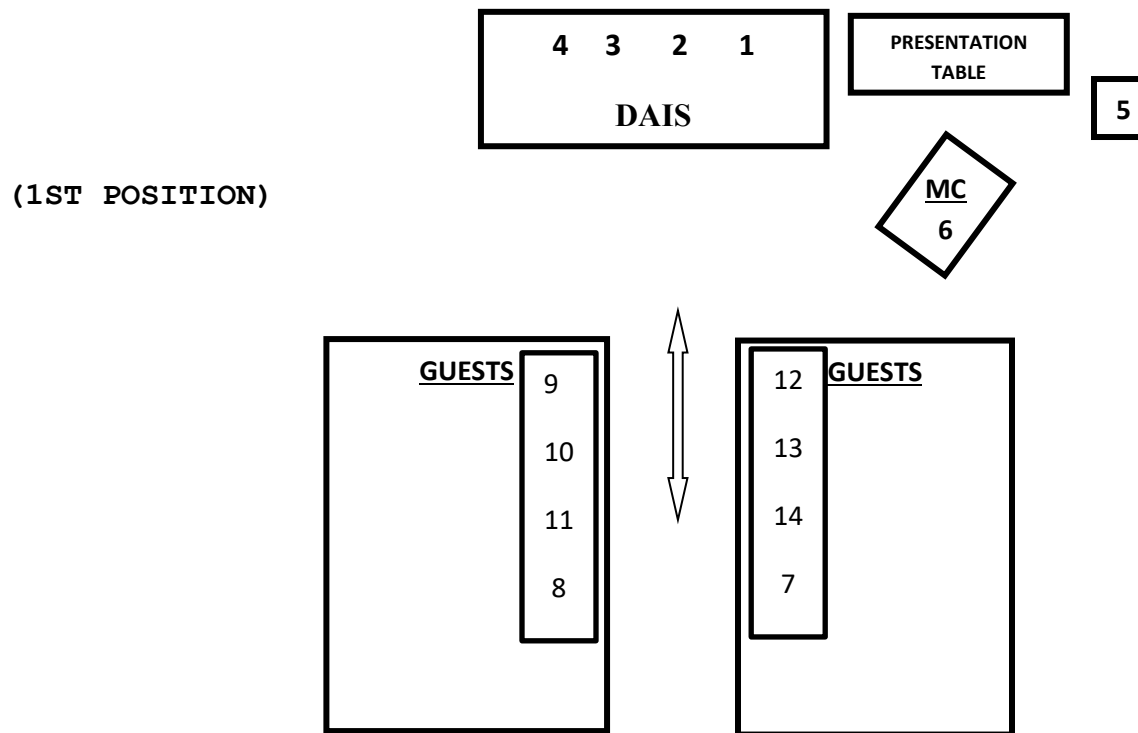
MC "NAVY FAMILY, RETIRED, DEPARTING."

NOTE: PLAY "ANCHORS AWEIGH" AND MC PAUSES UNTIL NAVY FAMILY HAS WALKED INTO THE ENLISTED AIDE OFFICE.

MC "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS CONCLUDES TODAY'S CEREMONY. ON BEHALF OF PETTY OFFICER KERN AND HIS FAMILY, WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN THIS TIME-HONORED CEREMONY. YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN PETTY OFFICER KERN AND FAMILY FOR A RECEPTION HERE AT HISTORIC QUARTERS A."

NOTE: PLAY "ANCHORS AWEIGH" SOFTLY IN THE BACKGROUND.

RETIREMENT CEREMONY AREA DIAGRAM



1. NOT APPLICABLE
2. CS1 KERN
3. RADM HUFFMAN
4. RADM (RETIRED) KYLE COZAD
5. GM1 LEWIS
6. MC
7. BELL RINGER
8. BOS'N
- 9-14. SIDEBOYS