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From: Commander, Naval Education and Training Command

Subj: RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER G. BRYANT,
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. CAPT Christopher G. Bryant, United States Navy (USN), will retire effective 1 June 2026. A retirement ceremony will be conducted in the Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola Chapel, Pensacola, Florida at 1000 on Saturday, 7 March 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. LT Kurt Pasque, USN: Will serve as Master of Ceremonies (MC) .

b. Protocol Officer: Assigned as action officer and is responsible for the overall coordination of events. Arranges bell ringer, honors boatswain's (Bos'n) mate, and color guard.

c. First Lieutenant: Set up bulletins, and red carpet prior to ceremony.

d. Public Affairs Officer: Provide official photography services.

e. The following personnel will serve as sideboys, bell ringer, and Bos'n:

(1) Sideboys: Brother Martin High School NJROTC Crusader Company

(2) Bell ringer/Bos'n: BM2 Amara Alcorn.

4. Uniform

- a. Official Party: Full Dress Blue
- b. Sideboys: Service Dress Blue
- c. Participants: Full Dress Blue
- d. Guests: Uniform of the Day (Military)
Business Casual (Civilian)

5. Rehearsal. A rehearsal for key participants will be held at the NAS Pensacola Chapel at 1300 on Friday, 6 March 2026. Key personnel are:

MC
Action Officer
Sideboys
Color Guard
Bell Ringer

6. Action Plan - Day of Ceremony. 7 March 2026. The following retirement ceremony plan of action is established:

- a. Pre-Ceremony Reception (0930). The fellowship hall at the NAS Pensacola Chapel is reserved for family members and official party.
- b. RADM Gregory Huffman, Presiding Officer (Commander, NETC) and First Sergeant John Crouch, United States Marine Corps (Retired) arrives (0945).

7. 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 Administration, Directives and Records

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Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.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 notice or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager.



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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

0900 COORDINATOR AND WORKING PARTY: ACCESS CEREMONY AREA AND ENSURE ALL IS PROPERLY RIGGED AND READY FOR THE CEREMONY. ENSURE FELLOWSHIP HALL AVAILABLE FOR PRE-RECEPTION.

0900 DESIGNATED PERSONNEL MUSTER WITH COORDINATOR.

0930 PHOTOGRAPHER SET UP AND IN PLACE.

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

0945 RADM HUFFMAN, 1ST SGT CROUCH, CAPT BRYANT, AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY ARRIVE AND AWAIT CEREMONY START.

0945 MC IN PLACE.

0955 CAPT BRYANT'S FAMILY AND GUESTS ARE SEATED.

0955 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."

NOTE: NETC PROTOCOL OFFICER WILL GIVE 1ST SGT CROUCH AND GUESTS A SIGNAL (GUESTS WAITING INSIDE THE CHAPEL FELLOWSHIP HALL).

SIDEBOYS, BELL RINGER, AND BOS'N WALK INTO PLACE.

1000 MC
"GOOD AFTERNOON, ON BEHALF OF COMMANDER, NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY."

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"I AM LIEUTENANT KURT PASQUE, 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 TO THE LEFT OF THE STAGE 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. THIS MORNING, 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 CREW."

"TODAY, WE WILL WITNESS THE FINAL MOMENTS OF A DISTINCTIVE AND REWARDING CAREER OF NAVAL SERVICE THAT HAS SPANNED MORE THAN 30 YEARS. WE HAVE GATHERED TO CONGRATULATE CAPTAIN BRYANT ON REACHING THIS MILESTONE AND OFFER A WORD OF "THANKS" FOR THE MANY SACRIFICES HE HAS MADE."

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

"MILITARY PERSONNEL, COVER."

MC **"BELL RINGER, STRIKE FOUR BELLS"** (CAPT BRYANT).

"CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES NAVY, ARRIVING."

BOS'N RENDERS SIDE HONORS.

CAPT BRYANT PROCEEDS THROUGH FOUR SIDEBOYS, STOPS, AND THEN WALKS ON STAGE AND STANDS IN FRONT OF SEAT.

BOS'N PIPES TWO MORE SIDEBOYS INTO POSITION.

MC **"BELL RINGER, STRIKE SIX BELLS"** (RADM HUFFMAN).

"COMMANDER, NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND, ARRIVING."

BOS'N RENDERS SIDE HONORS.

RADM HUFFMAN PROCEEDS THROUGH SIX SIDEBOYS AND HALTS AT END OF CARPET.

CHAPEL AV SUPPORT PLAYS "TWO RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES" FOLLOWED BY "ADMIRAL'S MARCH."

RADM HUFFMAN WALKS ON STAGE AND STANDS IN FRONT OF SEAT.

MC **"COLOR GUARD, PARADE THE COLORS."**

COLOR GUARD PARADES THE COLORS.

CAPT BRYANT ANNOUNCES "**HAND SALUTE**" FOR THE OFFICIAL PARTY.

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

CHAPEL PLAYS THE "NATIONAL ANTHEM" SOUNDTRACK.
AV SUPPORT

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

CAPT BRYANT ANNOUNCES **"READY TWO"** FOR OFFICIAL PARTY TO DROP SALUTE.

MC **"GUESTS PLEASE BE SEATED. MILITARY, UNCOVER. BOATSWAIN, POST THE SIDEBOYS."**

NOTE: OFFICIAL PARTY TAKES SEATS ON STAGE.

MC **"AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMANDER, NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND, WELCOME TO THIS SPECIAL OCCASION MARKING THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER BRYANT."**

"WE EXTEND AN ESPECIALLY WARM WELCOME TO CAPTAIN BRYANT'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS HERE WITH US TODAY."

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

"OUR PRESIDING OFFICER IS REAR ADMIRAL GREGORY HUFFMAN, COMMANDER, NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND, AND OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS FIRST SARGEANT JOHN CROUCH, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, RETIRED."

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, CAPTAIN BRYANT."

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CAPT INTRODUCES 1ST SGT CROUCH, GUEST SPEAKER.
BRYANT

1ST SGT REMARKS.
CROUCH

MC "THANK YOU FIRST SARGEANT CROUCH FOR
THOSE KIND WORDS. WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE
RISE AS REAR ADMIRAL HUFFMAN PRESENTS
CAPTAIN BRYANT WITH A PERSONAL AWARD AND
CERTIFICATE. ATTENTION TO AWARD."

NOTE: CAPT BRYANT AND RADM HUFFMAN MOVE
TO CENTER STAGE FOR PRESENTATION
OF AWARD AND CERTIFICATE. MC
READ CERTIFICATE WHILE 1ST SGT
CROUCH PRESENTS.

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

**** READ PERSONAL AWARD ****

NOTE: PAUSE AND LEAD APPLAUSE.

MC "GUESTS PLEASE BE SEATED."

NOTE: PAUSE.

MC "MR. SHULS, PLEASE ESCORT CAPTAIN
BRYANT'S FAMILY TO THE STAGE. REAR
ADMIRAL HUFFMAN WILL NOW PRESENT THE NAVY
FAMILY WITH CERTIFICATES OF
APPRECIATION."

NOTE: PAUSE WHILE PROTOCOL OFFICER
ESCORTS FAMILY TOWARDS CENTER
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,

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TO YOU, FOR ENDURING THE FREQUENT AND LONG SEPARATION FROM YOUR LOVED ONE 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 CAPTAIN BRYANT 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 REAR ADMIRAL HUFFMAN, COMMANDER, NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND."

NOTE: PAUSE WHILE RADM HUFFMAN, CAPT BRYANT AND FAMILY RETURN TO THEIR SEATS.

MC
"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER "COOTER" BRYANT."

CAPT
BRYANT
DELIVERS REMARKS.

MC
"COMMUNICATION WAS AS IMPORTANT ABOARD A SAILING SHIP THEN AS IT IS IN TODAY'S MODERN FLEET. FOR IMPORTANT AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS, THE SHIP'S CREW WAS ASSEMBLED ON THE MAIN DECK. THERE, THEY WERE ADDRESSED BY THE LEADERSHIP, AND OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS WERE READ TO THE CREW AND WITNESSES SO THAT ALL HANDS KNEW OF THEIR EXISTENCE AND CONTENTS. BELLS AND WHISTLES WERE USED TO CALL ATTENTION

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THROUGHOUT THE SHIP BECAUSE THEY COULD BE HEARD FROM THE BILGES TO THE MAST TOPS."

"I WILL NOW READ CAPTAIN BRYANT'S ORDERS. FROM COMMANDER, NAVY MILITARY PERSONNEL COMMAND, BUPERS ORDERS NUMBER 2698. TO CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER G BRYANT, UNITED STATES NAVY, YOUR REQUEST TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE RETIRED LIST HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY EFFECTIVE 1 JUNE 2026. YOU WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE RETIRED LIST WITH THE GRADE OF CAPTAIN. PROCEED TO HOME OF SELECTION."

MC

"CAPTAIN BRYANT WILL NOW BE JOINED ONSTAGE TO RECEIVE HIS FLAG AND FINAL SALUTE FROM CTR2 CALLAHAN TRIMBER, UNITED STATES NAVY AND CADET MICHAEL TRIMBER. CTR2 TRIMBER AND CADET TRIMBER ARE CAPTAIN BRYANT'S NEPHEWS."

NOTE: CTR2 AND CADET TRIMBER WILL JOIN CAPT BRYANT IN FRONT OF THE STAGE TO RENDER A FINAL SALUTE TO CAPT BRYANT.

MC

"REAR ADMIRAL GREGORY HUFFMAN WILL NOW PRESENT CAPTAIN BRYANT WITH THE RETIREMENT CERTIFICATE."

NOTE: CAPT BRYANT AND RADM HUFFMAN MOVE TO CENTER STAGE FOR PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RETIREMENT. MC READS CERTIFICATE WHILE RADM HUFFMAN PRESENTS.

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

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MC

"THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER G. BRYANT, UNITED STATES NAVY WAS TRANSFERRED FROM ACTIVE DUTY TO THE RETIRED LIST OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY ON THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE 2026 AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE. THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED AS A TESTIMONIAL OF FAITHFUL AND HONORABLE SERVICE."

"SIGNED JEFFREY J. CZEREWKO, VICE ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY"

"BOATSWAIN! STANDBY TO PIPE THE SIDE! SHIPMATE GOING ASHORE."

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

"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 BOATSWAIN, SIDEBOYS, AND CALL TO BRING ABOARD OR SEND ASHORE ALL OFFICERS, DIGNITARIES, AND VIPS."
"BOATSWAIN, POST THE SIDEBOYS."

MC

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

MC

"CAPTAIN BRYANT WILL REPORT TO REAR ADMIRAL HUFFMAN AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO GO ASHORE FOR THE LAST TIME"

NOTE: CAPT BRYANT MEETS RADM HUFFMAN AT CENTER STAGE AND RENDERS SALUTE.

CAPT
BRYANT

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

RADM
HUFFMAN

(WHILE RETURNING SALUTE) "PERMISSION GRANTED."

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NOTE: CAPT BRYANT STEPS TO RED CARPET
TO GO ASHORE.

MC "BELL RINGER, STRIKE FOUR BELLS."

MC "CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED,
DEPARTING."

BOS'N PIPES ASHORE.

CAPT BRYANT CIRCLES BACK TO GET FAMILY
AND ESCORTS THEM TO THE RED CARPET.

MC "BELL RINGER, STRIKE FOUR BELLS."

MC "NAVY FAMILY, RETIRED, DEPARTING."

BOS'N PIPES TWO MORE SIDEBOYS INTO POSITION.

MC "BELL RINGER, STRIKE SIX BELLS" (RADM
HUFFMAN).

"COMMANDER NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
COMMAND, DEPARTING."

BOS'N RENDERS SIDE HONORS.

RADM HUFFMAN PROCEEDS THROUGH SIX SIDEBOYS AND DEPARTS
TO SIDE HALL

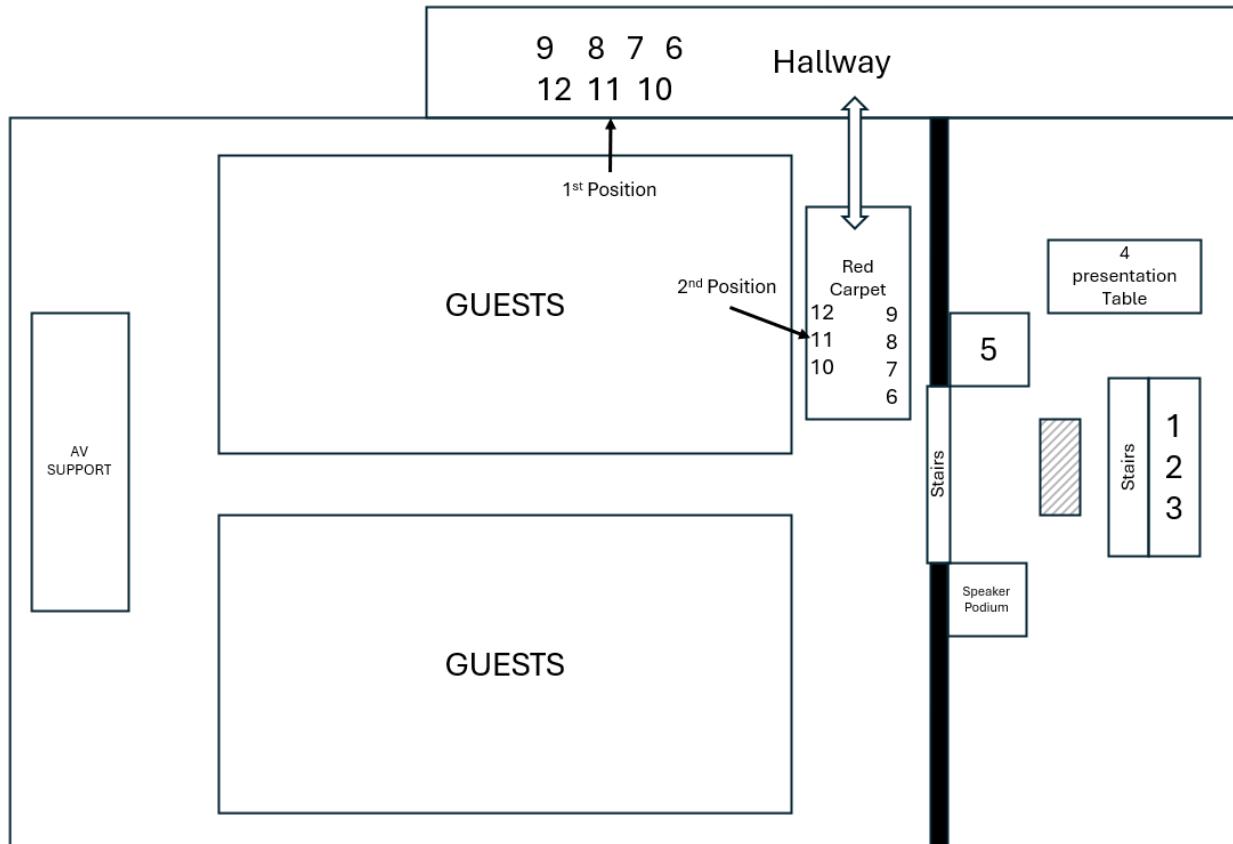
CHAPEL PLAYS "ANCHOR'S AWEIGH" AND MC
PAUSES UNTIL NAVY FAMILY HAS WALKED
TOWARDS CHAPEL'S FELLOWSHIP HALL.

MC "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS CONCLUDES
TODAY'S CEREMONY. ON BEHALF OF CAPTAIN
BRYANT AND HIS FAMILY, WE THANK YOU
FOR TAKING PART IN THIS TIME-HONORED
CEREMONY.

CHAPEL PLAYS "ANCHORS AWEIGH" SOFTLY IN
THE BACKGROUND.

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RETIREMENT CEREMONY AREA DIAGRAM



1. RADM HUFFMAN
2. CAPT BRYANT
3. 1ST SGT CROUCH
4. PROTOCOL OFFICER
5. MC
6. BELL RINGER/BOSN' N
- 7-12. SIDEBOYS