**Commissioning Ceremony Script – Bare Bones**

Time Event

1245 PARTICIPANTS IN PLACE

1250 GUESTS ARRIVE

1300 MASTER OF CEREMONIES APPROACHES THE PODIUM

**MOC: CAPTAIN STONER, FAMILY, FRIENDS, SHIPMATES – GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER XXXXXXXXXXX.**

**MOC: THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY YOU WITNESS TODAY IS A REFLECTION OF THE RICH HERITAGE OF OUR NAVAL TRADITION.**

**MOC: TODAY’S CEREMONY WILL COMMISSION CHIEF PETTY OFFICER XXXXXXXXXXX AS A SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED DUTY OFFICER. LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS HAVE A RICH HISTORY IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. A UNIQUE COMMUNITY OF OFFICERS THAT HAVE RETAINED THEIR SPECIALTIES ACQUIRED AS ENLISTED SAILORS; LDOs PROVIDE OUR NAVY WITH A VITAL AND INVALUABLE FORM OF LEADERSHIP - AN OFFICER WHO HAS EXPERTISE AND AUTHORITY TO DIRECT THE MOST DIFFICULT AND EXACTING TECHNICAL OPERATIONS IN A GIVEN OCCUPATIONAL AREA.**

**MOC: CHIEF XXXXXXXXXXX AND CHIEF XXXXXXXXXXX WILL NOW RETIRE CHIEF XXXXXXXXXXX’S ANCHORS AND COVER AND RETURN THEM TO THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICER’S MESS.**

*(*XXXXXXXXXXX *AND* XXXXXXXXXXX *STEP UP TO REMOVE DEVICES AND RETURN TO THIER SEATS.)*

**MOC: YOU HAVE THIS DAY EXPERIENCED THAT, WHICH COMES TO MANY OF US WHO SERVED AS A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN OUR NAVY. 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. YOUR COMMISSIONING ORDERS ARE NOT AN END TO AN ERA, BUT AS ORDERS TO A NEW AND CHALLENGING ASSIGNMENT.**

**MOC: LCDR XXXXXXXXXXX AND LCDR XXXXXXXXXXX WILL NOW PIN ON THE ENSIGNS COLLAR DEVICES AND LCDR XXXXXXXXXXX WILL PLACE THE OFFICER’S COVER.**

**MOC: WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE RISE; MILITARY PERSONNEL, ATTENTION TO OATH.** **CAPTAIN XXXXXXXXXXX WILL NOW DELIVER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO CHIEF XXXXXXXXXXX.**

*(SKIPPER READS THE OFFICER’S OATH)*

**MOC: PLEASE BE SEATED. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT THE NEWEST ENSIGN IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY: ENSIGN XXXXXXXXXXX.**

**MOC: ENSIGN XXXXXXXXXXX WIL NOW RETURN HIS FIRST SALUTE AS A NAVY OFFICER. CHIEF XXXXXXXXXXX, FRONT AND CENTER.**

*(CHIEF* XXXXXXXXXXX *RENDERS FIRST SALUTE; ENSIGN* XXXXXXXXXXX *RETURNS SALUTE. ENSIGN* XXXXXXXXXXX *PRESENTS CHIEF* XXXXXXXXXXX *SILVER DOLLAR.)*

*(CHIEF* XXXXXXXXXXX *RETURNS TO SEAT)*

**MOC: ENSIGN XXXXXXXXXXX, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.**

*-ENSIGN* XXXXXXXXXXX*’S REMARKS-*

**MOC: THANK YOU, ENSIGN XXXXXXXXXXX. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS CONCLUDES TODAYS CEREMONY.**