**Commissioning Ceremony Script**

TIME EVENT

1500 MASTER OF CEREMONIES COMMENCES COMMISSIONING CEREMONY.

M/C “DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, OFFICERS, CHIEFS, SHIPMATES, GOOD AFTERNOON. ON BEHALF OF (INSERT PRESIDING OFFICER’S NAME), (INSERT PRESIDING OFFICER’S COMMAND), IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR (INSERT RANK/NAME FOR COMMISSIONEE)”. I EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO (INSERT RANK/NAME FOR COMMISSIONEE) WIFE (INSERT NAME), SON (INSERT NAME), AND ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

M/C 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.”

M/C (INSERT MASTER OF CEREMONIES NAME) DELIVERS ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS.

M/C IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR TODAY’S

 CEREMONY, (INSERT RANK/NAME OF GUEST SPEAKER).

 CAPT (Ret) LOGAN DELIVERS SPEECH.

M/C “(INSERT RANK/NAME FOR COMMISSIONEE), FRONT AND CENTER”.

“AT THIS TIME, (INSERT PRESIDING OFFICER NAME) WILL PRESENT (INSERT RANK/NAME FOR COMMISSIONEE) WITH HIS END OF TOUR AWARD”.

M/C “ATTENTION TO AWARD”!

M/C READS CITATION AS (INSERT PRESIDING OFFICER NAME) PRESENTS AWARD.

M/C “COMMAND MASTER CHIEF (INSERT NAME) FRONT AND CENTER (PAUSE) COMMAND MASTER CHIEF (INSERT NAME) WILL NOW RETIRE THE SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER DEVICES OF (INSERT RANK/NAME OF COMMISSIONEE”.

(PAUSE)

WAIT FOR COMMAND MASTER CHIEF (INSERT NAME) TO COME FORWARD.

READ THE BEOLW STATEMENT WHILE REMOVAL OF ANCHORS

“ADVANCEMENT IN A SAILOR’S CAREER MARKS A MILESTONE. TODAY WE WITNESS

A TRANSITION – THE COMISSIONING OF (INSERT RANK/NAME FOR COMMISSIONEE) FROM THE ENLISTED RANKS TO THE OFFICER RANKS, A CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER. WARRANT OFFICERS ARE A UNIQUE PART OF THE NAVAL SERVICE, FULFILLING A ROLE NO OTHER COMMISSIONED OFFICER CAN. WARRANT OFFICER’S HAVE THE WISDOM AND TECHNICAL BACKGROUND TO PERFORM TASKS THAT CALL FOR THE OFFICER RANK AND PROTOCOL TO CARRY OUT, BUT REQUIRE THE ENLISTED SPIRIT AND EXPERIENCE TO ACCOMPLISH. THIS IS THE HEART OF A NAVY MUSTANG!”

 (PAUSE) COMMAND MASTER CHIEF (INSERT NAME) REMOVES COVER, JACKET, AND

 SHOULDER BOARDS.

M/C “(INSERT NAMES) WILL NOW AFFIX THE WARRANT OFFICER SHOULDER BOARDS”.

M/C “(INSERT NAMES) WILL NOW PRESENT THE WARRANT OFFICER JACKET AND COVER”.

M/C “LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AT THIS POINT I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU THE MEANING OF A COMMISSION”.

(PAUSE)

M/C *“SPECIAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE* IS MORE THAN JUST A POLITE PHRASE; IT MEANS JUST THAT. A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IS ASSUMED TO BE A PERSON OF HONOR AND INTEGRITY. AN OFFICER IN UNIFORM IS RECOGNIZED AS THE CUSTODIAN OF HIS COUNTRY’S HONOR AND SAFETY”.

 (PAUSE)

“THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SHOWS THAT THE MILITARY IS MOST RESPECTED WHEN IT IS MOST NEEDED. AN OFFICER MUST APPRECIATE AND EFFECTIVELY EXECUTE HIS APPOINTED POSITION OF SPECIAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE AND MUST EARN PUBLIC RESPECT BY MAINTAINING TRADITIONAL STANDARDS OF HONOR AND DEVOTION TO DUTY. IT IS TRULY A PLEASURE AT THIS TIME TO COMMISSION (INSERT RANK/NAME FOR COMMISSIONEE) TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (INSERT NAME)”.

 (PAUSE)

M/C “(INSERT COMMISSIONING OFFICER NAME) WILL NOW ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE AND LETTER OF APPOINTMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES”.

 (PAUSE)

 (INSERT COMMISSIONING OFFICERS NAME) TAKES HIS POSITION TO ADMINISTER
 OATH.

M/C “ATTENTION TO THE OATH”.

 (INSERT COMMISSIONING OFFICERS NAME) DELIVERS THE OATH OF OFFICE.

 (INSERT COMMISSIONING OFFICERS NAME) PRESENTS PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO
 CWO2 (INSERT NAME).

 (INSERT COMMISSIONING OFFICERS NAME) TAKES SEAT

M/C “IT IS SAID THAT A NEW OFFICER CAN BUY HIS FIRST SALUTE, BUT AFTER THAT HE HAS TO EARN EVERY ONE. THE TRADITION OF THE FIRST SALUTE GOES BACK TO COLONIAL AMERICA WHEN BRITISH OFFICERS WERE ASSIGNED AN ENLISTED SOLDIER WHO PREPARED THE OFFICER’S EQUIPMENT AND MAINTAINED HIS UNIFORMS. THE ENLISTED MAN WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR TEACHING HIS OFFICER THE REGIMENT’S HISTORY, TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS. FOR HIS SERVICE, THE SOLDIER RECEIVED A SMALL SUM OF MONEY. THE SERVANT ASSIGNMENT AND SERVANT’S PAY HAS LONG AGO DISAPPEARED. TODAY, THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RENDERS THE FIRST SALUTE RECEIVES A SILVER DOLLAR REPRESENTING THE NEW OFFICER’S DEEP SENSE OF GRATITUDE FOR THE KNOWLEDGE THE ENLISTED PERSON HAS PASSED ON TO HIM DURING HIS TRAINING”.

 (PAUSE)

M/C “(INSERT RANK/NAME OF SALUTER), FRONT AND CENTER TO RENDER THE FIRST SALUTE TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (INSERT NAME)”.

M/C “LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU THE NAVY’S NEWEST COMMISSIONED OFFICER, CWO2 (INSERT NAME)”.

 CWO2 (INSERT NAME) GIVES REMARKS.

M/C “LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS CONCLUDES THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (INSERT NAME) WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND CORDIALLY INVITES YOU ALL TO ENJOY REFRESHMENTS”.