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USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) NOTICE 5060

From: Commanding Officer, USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)

Subj: COMMISSIONING CEREMONY ICO AO1(AW/SW/IW) MATTHEW B. KELLY

Encl: (1) Schedule of Events
(2) Ceremony Script

1. Purpose. Promulgate planning and responsibilities for the commissioning ceremony of AO1(AW/SW/IW) Matthew B. Kelly to Ensign, Aviation Ordnance Limited Duty Officer, U.S. Navy.

2. Discussion. At 1300 on Friday, 3 March 2017, AO1 Kelly will be commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. The commissioning ceremony will take place at the McCormick Woods Trellis Room, Port Orchard, WA. A walkthrough rehearsal will be conducted with all participants on 2 March 2017 at McCormick Woods at 1300.

3. Uniform/Attire

Participants: E-7 and above: Dress Blue Uniform
E-6 and below: Dress Blue Uniform
Military and Civilian Guests: Casual Attire

4. Participants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Master of Ceremonies	ENS Daniel T. Minnick
Ceremony Coordinator	LTJG Virgilio J. Fermin
Commissioning Officer	CDR Larry R. Spradlin
Guest Speaker	AOCM Kenneth D. Hecker
Singing National Anthem	AN Simeon T. Skilling
Officer Uniform Items	Chanty Kelly
Conduct First Salute	AO1 Sean D. Sheley

5. Action

a. LTJG Fernin is assigned as overall ceremony coordinator. He shall:

(1) Coordinate all events, set-up equipment, and rehearsals.

(2) Coordinate all ceremonial equipment to include certificate of oath, end of tour award, photographer, the national anthem, honor guard, and flags. All ceremonial equipment will be provided by Deck Department.

(3) Contact all ceremony participants.

b. Weapons Department. Provide a working party to assist with the arrangement of ceremonial flags, guest chairs, and awards table. Following the ceremony, the working party will return all the gear to the ship.

c. Media Department. Provide photographer for the ceremony and produce ceremony programs.

d. Deck Department. Provide ceremonial flags.

e. NIMITZ Honor Guard. Parade the colors.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this notice, regardless of media and format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

7. Cancellation Contingency. This notice will be cancelled upon completion of the commissioning ceremony.


T. R. MARZANO
Executive Officer

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1245 Arrival and seating of personnel.
- 1300 Ceremony commencement.
- 1305 National Anthem.
- 1310 Commander Spradlin opening remarks.
- 1315 Guest Speaker, AOCM Hecker remarks.
- 1320 Presentation of End of Tour Award.
- 1325 Presentation of officer shoulder boards, jacket, and cover.
- 1330 Administration of Oath and presentation of Presidential Commissioning Citation.
- 1335 First Salute.
- 1340 Remarks by ENS Kelly.
- 1350 Ceremony concludes.

CEREMONY SCRIPT

1230 PARTICIPANTS IN PLACE

1245 GUEST ARRIVAL AND SEATING

1255 MC: **“Ladies and gentlemen, the ceremony will begin in five minutes. Please take your seats. Military personnel are asked to remain covered and render honors as appropriate. At this time, all guests and participants are asked to please silence electronic devices.”**

1300 CEREMONY COMMENCES

MC: **“Good afternoon distinguished guests, family, friends, and shipmates. Welcome to the commissioning ceremony for AO1 Matthew Kelly. I am ENS Minnick and I will be your Master of Ceremonies.”**

MC: **“Will the guests please rise for the parading of the colors, and the singing of the National Anthem.”**

MC: **“Color Guard, Parade the Colors.”**

(AN SKILLING SINGS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM)

MC: **“Color Guard, Retire the Colors.”**

MC: **“Will the guests please be seated.”**

MC: **“Guests, family, friends, and shipmates, good afternoon. Welcome again to the commissioning ceremony of AO1 Kelly. I’d like to extend a special welcome to AO1’s wife, Chanty, mother Jenette, brother Jason, Steve Johnson, and friends who have traveled to be here today.”**

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.**

Today we gather to witness a transition – the commissioning of AO1 Kelly from the enlisted ranks to the officer ranks (slight pause) a Navy Mustang.

Navy Mustangs are a very unique community of the naval service, fulfilling a vital role in our Navy. They have the wisdom and technical background to perform tasks that call for the officer rank to carry out, but require the enlisted heart and experience to get

accomplished. The term “Mustang” literally refers to the mustang horse, which is a wild animal and therefore not a thoroughbred. A mustang, after being captured, can be tamed and saddle broken but it always has a bit of a wild streak, and can periodically revert to its old ways unexpectedly. Therefore, the owner needs to keep an eye on it at all times.

By the same token, however, since a mustang was formerly a wild and free animal, it may very well be smarter, more capable and have 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.

You can easily see the parallel between horses and Naval Officers. The term “Mustang” is used in a complimentary sense most of the time.

A Limited Duty Officer is an officer by appearance and in the minds of the “top brass” and an enlisted technician at heart. The motto of the LDO upon receiving their commission is: “Sursum ab Ordine” which means “up from the ranks.”

MC: Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce our commissioning officer, NIMITZ’ Gun Boss, CDR Larry R. Spradlin.”

(CDR SPRADLIN DELIVERS REMARKS)

MC: “Thank you, CDR Spradlin.”

MC: “Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce our guest speaker, Master Chief Petty Officer Kenneth D. Hecker.”

(GUEST SPEAKER’S REMARKS)

MC: “Commander Spradlin will now recognize Petty Officer Kelly for his tour of duty onboard NIMITZ. Will the guests please rise.”

MC: “Military guests, attention to award.”

(READ END OF TOUR AWARD CITATION)

MC: “Petty Officer Kelly’s wife Chanty will now pin on his shoulder boards, assist him with his jacket and will place on the officer’s cover.”

(PETTY OFFICER KELLY’S WIFE PROCEEDS TO PODIUM)

(SLIGHT DELAY WHILE OFFICER ITEMS PLACED)

MC: "Commander Larry Spradlin will now issue the officer's oath of office."

(SLIGHT DELAY)

MC: "Military guests, attention to oath."

(CDR SPRADLIN ADMINISTERS COMMISSIONING OATH)

MC: "Please be seated."

MC: "Commander Larry Spradlin will officially welcome Ensign Kelly to the Wardroom and present him with his commissioning certificate."

(PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENTIAL CITATION)

MC: "Ladies and Gentleman, it is my honor to present to you the newest Ensign in the United States Navy, Ensign Matthew B. Kelly."

(SLIGHT DELAY FOR ANTICIPATED APPLAUSE)

MC: "Ensign Kelly will now return his first salute as part of the traditional silver dollar salute."

MC: "AO1 Sheley, front and center."

(MC READS SILVER DOLLAR SALUTE DURING EXCHANGE)

MC: "It's an honored tradition, that a brand new silver dollar be presented to the first enlisted Sailor to salute a newly commissioned officer. The exact origin of the custom is arguable, but it probably began before the U.S. Armed Forces were organized. British regiments stationed in Colonial America brought with them a number of customs and traditions that were retained by the newly formed American Armed Forces. One status symbol highly sought by newly commissioned British Officers was to have an aid assigned to them. The aid was normally an enlisted Sailor who was responsible for ensuring the officer's uniform and personal equipment were serviceable at all times. The enlisted Sailor was also responsible for teaching the officer the ship's history, tradition, and customs. American Second Lieutenants in 1816 received a monthly base pay of 25 dollars, a three dollar ration allowance, and one dollar for an Enlisted Advisor. The present day tradition of a first salute is based on this relationship. Far from being a servile gesture, the salute is a symbol of respect and a sign of comradeship among service personnel. The salute is part of the uniform and all it represents. Accordingly, as a standard practice, the junior starts the salute first and the senior returns it. By saluting first, a person demonstrates respect for the senior rank, not inferiority, to the person who is saluted."

(AO1 SHELEY RENDERS THE FIRST SALUTE)

(ENSIGN KELLY RETURNS SALUTE)

(COIN EXCHANGE)

(DELAY WHILE THEY EXECUTE FIRST SALUTE)

MC: **“Ensign Kelly, the floor is yours.”**

(ENSIGN KELLY PRESENTS FLOWERS/GIFTS TO FAMILY)

(ENSIGN KELLY’S REMARKS)

MC: **“Ladies and Gentlemen, this concludes the Commission Ceremony. Ensign Kelly and his family would like to invite you to their reception after the ceremony. Although the ceremony has ended, his new journey is just beginning. Please come forward and congratulate this outstanding officer.”**