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Subj: RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR WILLIAM D. AGERTON

Encl: (1) Retirement Ceremony Script
(2) Hangar Bay USS LEXINGTON Ceremonial Setup Chart

1. Purpose. To outline responsibilities and request assistance, as required per enclosure (1) for the retirement ceremony in honor of CDR Agerton.

2. Information. CDR Agerton will retire after 30 years of honorable service on Thursday, 26 January 2017 onboard USS LEXINGTON. The ceremony will commence at 0900 followed by a reception in the hangar bay. A rehearsal will be held at 1500, Wednesday, 25 January onboard USS LEXINGTON.

a. The following personnel are designated members of the retirement ceremony Staff Action Group:

Ceremony Coordinator	LT Bos
Master of Ceremonies	CDR Reams
Presiding Officer/Speaker	RDML Bull
Guest Speaker	CAPT Dodson (Ret)
Ceremony Chaplain	Father John Vidal
Shadow Box Presentation	LT Geeseman
Sideboy	TW4/CNATRA
Sideboy	TW4/CNATRA
Sideboy	TW4/CNATRA
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Sideboy	TW4/CNATRA
Sideboy	TW4/CNATRA
Usher/Escort Coordinator	LT Bos
Usher/Escort	TW4 Student
Usher/Escort	TW4 Student
Usher/Escort/Lot Greeter	TW4 Student
Usher/Escort/Lot Greeter	TW4 Student
Usher/Escort/LEX Entrance Greeter	TW4 Student
Usher/Escort/LEX Entrance Greeter	TW4 Student
Honors Boatswain	NASCC Detail

Bell Ringer	NASCC Detail
The Watch	CDR Reams
Color Guard Coordinator	AWSC Horton
Stage/Equip/Flag Coordinator	AWSC Horton
Sound Equipment Engineer	LT Bos
LOA/Cert/Awards	Mr. Ortiz
Public Affairs/Photography	LTJG Feaster
Programs	Mr. Stewart
Cake/Invitations	Mrs. Agerton
Working Party Coordinator	AWSC Horton
Working Party	TW4
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b. USS LEXINGTON POC: Ms. Rebekah Brooks, (361)888-4873, ext. 305.

3. Action Officers/Items

a. Action Officer: LT Bos is the overall ceremony coordinator.

b. Action Items:

(1) Public Affairs:

(a) Provide photographer for event.

(b) Draft and release announcement after retirement ceremony to the following publications:

1. Hook
2. Burleson Star
3. NAS Corpus Christi WINGSPAN
4. Corpus Christi Caller-Times newspaper
5. CNATRA Facebook

(c) Ensure base marquee leaving base on 26 January 2017 states the following:

Farewell, Fair Winds and Following Seas
Commander Agerton, Wife and family.
Thank you for 30 years of service.

(2) Administrative Officer:

(a) Provide certificates from the President of the United States, the Governor of Texas, The Yellow Rose of Texas Certificate for CDR Agerton's wife, and Letters of Appreciation for CDR Agerton's wife and sons.

(b) Overall responsibility for retirement award.

(3) Chief Horton:

(a) Arrange color guard support (for rehearsal and retirement ceremony).

(b) Arrange for Honors Boatswain.

(c) Arrange for Bell Ringer.

(d) Arrange for working party that will set-up/break down state flags, chairs, podiums, tables, bell, bullets, and red carpet for rehearsal and retirement ceremony aboard USS LEXINGTON.

(4) Commander, Training Air Wing FOUR:

(a) Provide 20 personnel to support ceremony as follows:

(b) Side boys (6) as noted in paragraph 2(a) above. Needed for rehearsal, 25 January (1500) and for ceremony (0900).

(c) Ushers/Escorts/Lot Greeters (6) as noted in paragraph 2(a) above. Needed for ceremony only.

(d) Working Party (8) as noted in paragraph 2(a) above. Needed for rehearsal on 25 January and post ceremony tear down.

(5) Mr. Richard Stewart. Create official program for retirement ceremony based on CDR Agerton's specifications. Provide 100 printed copies of program for ceremony.

4. Uniform

a. Participants: Service Dress Blue or equivalent with large medals, white gloves, and swords.

b. Sideboys: Service Dress Blue or equivalent with large medals.

c. Usher/Escorts: Service Dress Blue or equivalent with large medals.

d. Color Guard: Service Dress Blue or equivalent with ribbons and white gloves.

e. Military Guests: Invited to wear Service Dress Blue or equivalent with ribbons but are welcomed to attend in working uniform or appropriate civilian attire.

f. Civilian Guests: Business attire or casual dress.

D. M. EDGECOMB
Chief of Staff

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RETIREMENT CEREMONY SCRIPT
CDR WILLIAM D. AGERTON
UNITED STATES NAVY

WED, 25 JANUARY

1500 - STAGE AND CEREMONY SET UP
1530 - REHEARSAL INCLUDING: CDR AGERTON, MASTER OF CEREMONIES,
SOUND ENGINEER, BOATSWAIN'S MATE, BELL RINGER, SIDE BOYS

THURS, 26 JANUARY

0700 - TEST SOUND SYSTEM AND MUSIC.
0730 - PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE. COMMENCE FINAL WALK THROUGH.
0830 - ESCORTS STAND-BY TO ESCORT VISITORS TO THEIR SEATS IN THE
HANGAR BAY. **CEREMONIAL PRELUDE MUSIC BEGINS.**
0830 - Pre-reception (Theater on LEX)
0845 - MASTER OF CEREMONIES TAKES POSITION.
0855 - **PRELUDE MUSIC TERMINATES.**
MC: - **WILL THE GUESTS AND FAMILY PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS.**
0900 - RETIREMENT CEREMONY COMMENCES.

MC: **GOOD MORNING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND WELCOME ABOARD THE
HISTORIC USS LEXINGTON FOR THE RETIREMENT CEREMONY OF COMMANDER
WILLIAM AGERTON, UNITED STATES NAVY.**

I AM CDR REAMS, YOUR MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

**IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, WE WILL RENDER HONORS FOR THE ARRIVAL OF
THE OFFICIAL PARTY.**

**THIS IS CUSTOMARY FOR SUCH AN IMPORTANT OCCASION. PLEASE
SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

**FOR VISITORS TO USS LEXINGTON, YOU ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE
TODAY'S RETIREMENT CEREMONY.**

MC: **WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE RISE AND REMAIN STANDING FOR THE
ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AND
INVOCATION. MILITARY MEMBERS - COVER.**

MC: **SIDEBOYS - POST.**

(SIX SIDEBOYS ARE READY IN PLACE STANDING ONE PACE BACK)

(BOS'N GIVES TWO VEERS ON PIPE TO CUE FOUR SIDEBOYS TO TAKE ONE STEP FORWARD)

***** BELL RINGER STRIKES FOUR BELLS*****

MC: COMMANDER, UNITED STATES NAVY, ARRIVING.

(CDR AGERTON PIPED ABOARD THROUGH FOUR SIDEBOYS AND WAITS BY STAGE TO GREET RDML BULL)

***** BELL RINGER STRIKES FOUR BELLS*****

MC: CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED, ARRIVING.

(CAPT DODSON PIPED ABOARD THROUGH FOUR SIDEBOYS AND WAITS BY STAGE TO GREET RDML BULL)

(BOS'N GIVES TWO VEERS ON PIPE TO CUE TWO SIDEBOYS TO TAKE ONE STEP FORWARD)

***** BELL RINGER STRIKES SIX BELLS *****

MC: CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR TRAINING, ARRIVING.

(RDML BULL PIPED THROUGH SIX SIDEBOYS AND REMAINS AT THE END OF THE CARPET FOR MUSIC)

***** SOUND ENGR PLAYS RUFFLE AND FLOURISH *****

(CDR AGERTON AND CAPT DODSON GREET RDML BULL AND PROCEED TO SECOND AND THIRD CHAIRS ON STAGE. RDML BULL TAKES FIRST CHAIR. ALL REMAIN STANDING)

(BOATSWAIN'S MATE WILL GIVE THE ORDER FOR SIDEBOYS TO POST AND GO TO THEIR SEATS)

MC: COLOR GUARD. . . . PARADE THE COLORS.

(COLOR GUARD PARADES THE COLORS)

(ONCE COLOR GUARD IS IN PLACE, BELOW CENTER STAGE, THE NATIONAL ANTHEM STARTS)

MUSIC: NATIONAL ANTHEM

MC: RETIRE THE COLORS.

(COLOR GUARD EXITS THE CEREMONY)

MC: FATHER VIDAL WILL NOW DELIVER THE INVOCATION.

(FATHER VIDAL DELIVERS INVOCATION THEN RETURNS TO HIS SEAT)

MC: WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE BE SEATED. MILITARY MEMBERS PLEASE UNCOVER AND REMAIN UNCOVERED UNTIL INSTRUCTED.

**MC: ADMIRAL BULL
CAPTAIN EDGECOMB
CAPTAIN DODSON
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
COMMODORES
COMMANDER AGERTON
BARBARA AND GORDON
HONORED GUESTS
CNATRA FAMILY
SHIPMATES
FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

WELCOME TO THIS SPECIAL OCCASION, THE RETIREMENT CEREMONY OF COMMANDER WILLIAM AGERTON FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

THIS CEREMONY IS THE FINAL STAGE IN A VERY FULL AND PRODUCTIVE CAREER THAT SPANNED 30 YEARS OF NAVAL SERVICE; IN THIS TIME-HONORED NAVAL TRADITION, YOU WILL WITNESS SPEECHES HONORING CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PRESENTATION OF AWARDS, AND OTHER CEREMONIAL TRADITIONS THAT COMMEMORATE COMMANDER AGERTON'S STELLAR SERVICE TO OUR NATION.

MC: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER IS CAPTAIN RICHARD DODSON, US NAVY, RETIRED

MC: CAPTAIN DODSON ENTERED THE NAVY IN 1978 AND WAS DESIGNATED A NAVAL AVIATOR IN 1980. HE FIRST FLEW WITH THE "TOMCATTERS" OF VF-31 AND FINISHED HIS ACTIVE DUTY CAREER FLYING IN SUPPORT OF THE MULTINATIONAL PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN LEBANON.

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IN THE RESERVES, HE CONTINUED HIS SERVICE WITH VT-19 IN MERIDIAN FLYING THE T-2C "BUCKEYE" AND VF-1170 IN DALLAS FLYING THE F-4S "PHANTOM". HE WENT ON TO BECOME THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF VF-201 AND USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) RESERVE UNIT. HE FINISHED HIS 27-YEAR NAVAL CAREER WORKING FOR N-78 AT THE PENTAGON AND RETIRED FROM THE NAVY IN 2005, BUT CONTINUED FLYING COMMERCIALY WITH AMERICAN AIRLINES UNTIL 2014.

OVER HIS 38-YEAR AVIATION CAREER, CAPTAIN DODSON ACCUMULATED OVER 20,000 FLIGHT HOURS AND HAS BEEN AWARDED MANY PERSONAL AND UNIT DECORATIONS.

MC: PLEASE WELCOME TO THE PODIUM, CAPTAIN RICHARD DODSON

***** APPLAUSE *****

*****CAPT DODSON'S REMARKS*****

***** APPLAUSE *****

(CAPT DODSON RETURNS TO HIS SEAT)

MC: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TODAY'S PRESIDING OFFICER AND KEY SPEAKER IS REAR ADMIRAL DELL BULL, CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR TRAINING.

MC: ADMIRAL BULL IS AN OAK HARBOR, WASHINGTON, NATIVE AND A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO. HE WAS DESIGNATED AS A NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER IN 1989 AND HAS DEPLOYED ALL OVER THE WORLD IN SUPPORT OF THE NAVY'S MISSION.

ADMIRAL BULL HAS COMMANDED THE BLACK ACES ONBOARD THE NIMITZ, THE FLYING EAGLES OF VFA-122, AND CARRIER AIR WING NINE ONBOARD THE STENNIS. HE HAS LOGGED NEARLY 5,000 FLIGHT HOURS AND 1,000 ARRESTED LANDINGS.

HE HAS SERVED ON MULTIPLE SHORE TOURS, INCLUDING AS A LEGISLATIVE FELLOW, POLICY OFFICER, AVIATION PROGRAM MANAGER AND, MOST RECENTLY, AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR COMMANDER, NAVAL AIR FORCES.

ADMIRAL BULL ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR TRAINING
JULY 2, WHERE HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE TRAINING AIR WINGS,
THEIR ASSOCIATED SQUADRONS, AND THE BLUE ANGELS.
PLEASE HELP US WELCOME REAR ADMIRAL DELL "SNAPPER" BULL...

MC: PLEASE WELCOME TO THE PODIUM, REAR ADMIRAL DELL BULL.

***** APPLAUSE *****

*****RDML BULL'S REMARKS*****

***** APPLAUSE *****

(RDML BULL RETURNS TO HIS SEAT)

MC: AT THIS TIME, WE WILL BEGIN PRESENTING NUMEROUS AWARDS AND
RECOGNITIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN WITH COMMANDER AGERTON'S
WIFE, BARBARA

*** USHER ESCORTS MRS. AGERTON TO STAGE ***

(CDR AGERTON STANDS TO JOIN HIS WIFE ON CENTER STAGE)

MC: BARBARA AND "DOC" HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 26 YEARS WITH TWO
CHILDREN, JAMES AND GORDON. BARBARA GRADUATED FROM THE
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON WITH A DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING AND
THEN RECEIVED HER MASTER'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST
FLORIDA. SHE IS A CPA AND OWNS AGERTON ENTERPRISES, INC. A TAX
AND ACCOUNTING FIRM. SHE ENJOYS SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS AND
FAMILY, AND SHE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ADVENTURE WITH
"DOC" AND THE BOYS.

(USHER HANDS FLOWERS TO CDR AGERTON FOR PRESENTATION TO HIS WIFE
AND LEAVES STAGE TO PREPARE TO ESCORT GORDON AGERTON TO STAGE)

***** APPLAUSE *****

MC: ADMIRAL BULL, SIR, IF YOU WILL PLEASE JOIN CDR AGERTON AND
BARBARA AT CENTER STAGE.

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(ADMIRAL BULL JOINS CDR AGERTON AND WIFE ON CENTER STAGE)

(FLAG AIDE HANDS CERTIFICATE TO ADMIRAL BULL)

MC: REAR ADMIRAL BULL WILL NOW PRESENT MRS. AGERTON WITH A
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. THE CERTIFICATE READS AS FOLLOWS:

AWARD PLACE HOLDER

***** APPLAUSE *****

MC: ADDITIONALLY, A CERTIFICATE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS,
WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

AWARD PLACE HOLDER

***** APPLAUSE *****

(USHER BRINGS GORDON ONTO CENTER STAGE)

MC: REAR ADMIRAL BULL WILL NOW RECOGNIZE COMMANDER AGERTON'S
CHILDREN: GORDON AND JAMES, WHO IS ABSENT AT SCHOOL, WITH
CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION.

(FLAG AIDE PROVIDES CERTIFICATES TO ADMIRAL BULL)

MC: THE CERTIFICATES READ AS FOLLOWS:

AWARD PLACE HOLDER

***** APPLAUSE *****

MC: THANK YOU TO THE AGERTON FAMILY.

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(USHER BRING BARBARA AND GORDON BACK TO THEIR SEATS)

***** APPLAUSE *****

(CDR AGERTON AND ADMIRAL BULL RETURN TO THE CENTER STAGE)

MC: WE WILL NOW HONOR COMMANDER AGERTON WITH AN AWARD. WILL
THE GUESTS PLEASE RISE

MC: MILITARY PERSONNEL, PLEASE COVER.

(PAUSE)

MC: ATTENTION TO AWARD!

(MC: READS AWARD WHILE ADMIRAL PRESENTS)

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF SECOND AWARD) TO: COMMANDER WILLIAM D. AGERTON, UNITED STATES NAVY FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION: FOR OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR TRAINING, SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 2015 TO JANUARY 2017. COMMANDER AGERTON DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS AN EXPERT AVIATION ACCIDENT INVESTIGATOR, FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR, FLIGHT SURGEON AND SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER. HIS SKILLFUL ASSESSMENT OF HIGHLY COMPLEX MEDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES SAVED THIS COMMAND INNUMERABLE HOURS, MONEY AND LIVES DURING HIS TENURE. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY'S AEROMEDICAL DUAL DESIGNATOR ADVISORY GROUP, HE GAVE VALUABLE GUIDANCE TO 28 OTHER AEROMEDICAL DUAL DESIGNATORS THROUGHOUT THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS WITH REGARD TO THE SELECTION, BILLETING, AND STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE NAVY. HE PROVIDED OUTSTANDING PREVENTATIVE, OCCUPATIONAL, AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FOR OVER 500 AVIATORS ACROSS FOUR SQUADRONS AS WELL AS ALL TENANT COMMANDS ON NAVAL AIR STATION CORPUS CHRISTI. A BRILLIANT MANPOWER EXPERT, HE RESEARCHED AND PRESENTED AN OVERHAUL OF NAVAL SCHOOLS COMMANDS INTRODUCTORY FLIGHT SCREENING PROGRAM RESULTING IN THE PROJECTED ANNUAL SAVINGS OF \$45,000, AS WELL AS A SAVINGS IN 3,200 MAN HOURS OF TRAINING TIME, AND 200 HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL PHYSICIAN TIME PER ANNUM. THIS TOUR CULMINATES 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED

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SERVICE TO THE NATION, DURING WHICH, HIS MYRIAD SACRIFICES, ENSURED THE PRESERVATION OF TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND FREEDOM. BY HIS BOLD LEADERSHIP, WISE JUDGMENT, AND COMPLETE DEDICATION TO DUTY, COMMANDER AGERTON REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE. FOR THE PRESIDENT, DELL D. BULL, REAR ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY, CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR TRAINING

******* APPLAUSE *******

MC: WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE BE SEATED. MILITARY MEMBERS PLEASE UNCOVER. WE WILL NOW READ COMMANDER AGERTON'S CERTIFICATES. PLEASE HOLD APPLAUSE UNTIL AFTER THE READING OF THE OFFICIAL RETIREMENT ORDER.

MC: REAR ADMIRAL BULL WILL NOW PRESENT COMMANDER AGERTON WITH HIS PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. THE AWARD READS AS FOLLOWS:

AWARD PLACE HOLDER

MC: NEXT, A CERTIFICATE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, THE CITATION READS:

AWARD PLACE HOLDER

MC: AND FINALLY, REAR ADMIRAL BULL WILL NOW PRESENT COMMANDER AGERTON WITH HIS RETIREMENT ORDER.

"CERTIFICATE OF RETIREMENT"

FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETINGS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT WILLIAM D. AGERTON, COMMANDER, UNITED STATES NAVY, HAVING SERVED FAITHFULLY AND HONORABLY WAS RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY ON THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

SIGNED: -----, -----, UNITED STATES NAVY,
CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL.

***** INITIATE APPLAUSE*****

(RDML BULL AND CDR AGERTON RETURN TO THEIR SEATS)

MC: COMMANDER AGERTON WILL NOW BE PRESENTED WITH THE NATIONAL ENSIGN AND HIS SHADOW BOX, TO COMMEMORATE HIS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND NAVY.

(LT GEESEMAN BRINGS SHADOW BOX TO STAGE WHILE MC TALKS)

MC: THE SHADOW BOX IS A TRADITIONAL COMMEMORATIVE HONORING THE CAREER OF A NAVAL OFFICER. EACH SHADOW BOX IS UNIQUE, REFLECTING THE INDIVIDUALITY AND MERIT OF THE OFFICER'S YEARS OF SERVICE. PRESENTING COMMANDER AGERTON WITH HIS SHADOW BOX IS LT GEESEMAN.

(LT GEESEMAN UNVEILS THE SHADOW BOX)

MC: COMMANDER AGERTON'S SHADOW BOX FORMS THE SHAPE OF THE NAVAL AVIATOR'S INSIGNIA, THE "WINGS OF GOLD", WITH THE ENSIGN AT ITS CENTER. THE ENSIGN ENCASED IN THIS BOX WAS FLOWN OVER THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR TRAINING AND HAS BEEN FOLDED TO DISPLAY THE STARS AND STRIPES IN THE FORM OF A SHIELD, WHICH DONS THE FRONT OF THE NAVAL AVIATOR WINGS.

(LT GEESEMAN RETURNS SHADOW BOX TO AWARDS TABLE)

MC: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE WELCOME TO THE PODIUM, COMMANDER WILLIAM AGERTON, UNITED STATES NAVY.

(CDR AGERTON PROCEEDS TO THE SPEAKER PODIUM)

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***** CDR AGERTON'S REMARKS *****

***** APPLAUSE *****

(CDR AGERTON RETURNS TO SEAT)

MC: BOATSWAIN . . . STANDBY TO PIPE THE SIDE . . . COMMANDER AGERTON GOING ASHORE.

(BOS'N: AYE AYE SIR!)

MC: THIS ORDER HAS BEEN PASSED ON NAVAL SHIPS FROM THE 1500'S THROUGH TODAY. SPANISH, FRENCH, ENGLISH, DUTCH. YES, EVERY NAVY IN THE WORLD HAS USED THE BOATSWAIN'S CALL AND SIDEBOYS TO BRING ABOARD OR SEND ASHORE ITS OFFICERS, VISITING OFFICERS, AND DIGNITARIES.

THE SIDEBOYS WOULD HAUL ON THE ROPES AND RAISE OR LOWER THE BOARDING PLATFORM SO OFFICERS WOULD NOT HAVE TO CLIMB THE RAT LINES HANGING OVER THE SIDE OF THE SHIP USED BY THE CREW WHEN GOING ASHORE OR COMING ABOARD. THIS HONOR WAS EXTENDED TO VISITING DIGNITARIES AND PORT OFFICIALS.

IT WAS NOT UNCOMMON FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF A SHIP TO ORDER UP THE JOLLY BOAT, A CREW OF EIGHT STRONG BACKS, SIDEBOYS, AND A BOATSWAIN TO SEND AN OLD SHIPMATE AND FELLOW OFFICER TO HIS SHORE RETIREMENT HOME, NEVER TO SAIL ON NAVAL SHIPS AGAIN.

"ALL HANDS ON DECK" WAS PASSED, AND SPEECHES WERE MADE ABOUT GREAT VICTORIES, BATTLES FOUGHT UPON THE OPEN SEA, RAGING STORMS WEATHERED, AND VOYAGES TO DISTANT AND STRANGE LANDS WITH PORTS-OF-CALL OTHERS ONLY DREAMED ABOUT.

THEN, A FINE SWORD, A BRACE OF PISTOLS, A RIFLE OR MUSKET, OR MAYBE A SEA CHEST OF FINE WOOD AND BOUND IN BRASS WAS PRESENTED TO REMIND HIM OF CREWS AND SHIPS WITH WHICH HE HAD SERVED.

THE BOATSWAIN WOULD STAND TALL THE SIDEBOYS, AND THE RETIREE WOULD REQUEST PERMISSION TO GO ASHORE; HE STEPPED TO THE PLATFORM AND THE SIDEBOYS WOULD LOWER AWAY. AS THE JOLLY BOAT

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PULLED AWAY, THE GUNNER WOULD FIRE A SALUTE FROM THE SHIP'S MAIN BATTERY, AND THE RETIREE SAT IN THE STERN SHEETS.....GOING ASHORE.

TODAY, WE STOP ALL ENGINES, LAY ABOUT SMARTLY, AND DROP ANCHOR TO PAY HONOR TO ONE OF OUR SHIPMATES GOING ASHORE. WE HONOR THE YEARS SERVED, THE GUIDANCE, THE LEADERSHIP, THE FRIENDSHIP, AND THE EXPERTISE THAT THIS SHIPMATE HAS FREELY GIVEN FOR 30 YEARS.

SHORTLY, COMMANDER AGERTON WILL REQUEST PERMISSION TO GO ASHORE FOR THE LAST TIME.

MC: SIDEBOYS - POST.

(SIDEBOYS RETURN TO THEIR POSITIONS. FOUR SIDEBOYS WILL BE USED TO PIPE CDR AGERTON ASHORE)

MC: WITH POSTING OF THE SIDEBOYS AND BOATSWAIN, TRADITION DICTATES THAT FOR 30 YEARS THIS SAILOR HAS STOOD THE WATCH.

(CDR AGERTON STANDS)

(CDR REAMS RECITES THE WATCH)

CDR REAMS: COMMANDER AGERTON, YOU STAND RELIEVED... WE HAVE THE WATCH.

(CDR REAMS SALUTES CDR AGERTON)

MC: WILL THE GUESTS PLEASE RISE AND REMAIN STANDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE CEREMONY.

MC: FATHER VIDAL WILL NOW DELIVER THE BENEDICTION.

(FATHER VIDAL DELIVERS BENEDICTION AND RETURNS TO SEAT)

MC: COMMANDER AGERTON WILL NOW REQUEST PERMISSION TO GO ASHORE FROM REAR ADMIRAL BULL. MILITARY MEMBERS PLEASE COVER.

(ADMIRAL BULL AND CDR AGERTON APPROACH CENTER STAGE)

(CDR AGERTON WILL REQUEST PERMISSION TO GO ASHORE AND ADMIRAL BULL WILL GRANT PERMISSION)

(CDR AGERTON TAKES POSITION AT END OF RED CARPET NEXT TO THE BOS'N FOR PIPING OVER THE SIDE)

***** BELL RINGER STRIKES 4 BELLS *****

MC: COMMANDER WILLIAM AGERTON, UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED, DEPARTING.

(CDR AGERTON WALKS THROUGH SIDEBOYS THEN ESCORTS FAMILY TO THE HEAD OF THE CARPET)

***** BELL RINGER STRIKES 4 BELLS*****

MC: COMMANDER WILLIAM AGERTON, UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED, AND FAMILY, DEPARTING.

(CDR AGERTON WALKS THROUGH SIDEBOYS WITH FAMILY)

MUSIC: ANCHORS AWAY.

MC: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS CONCLUDES THE FORMAL RETIREMENT CEREMONY. ON BEHALF OF COMMANDER AGERTON AND HIS FAMILY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ATTENDING. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE RECEPTION ONBOARD THE USS LEXINGTON IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY. IF YOU HAVE PARKED IN ONE OF THE LEXINGTON PAY

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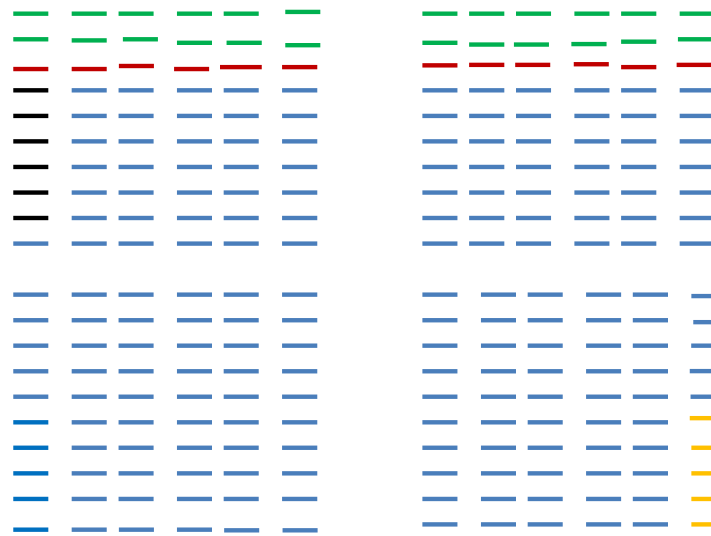
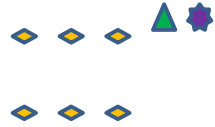
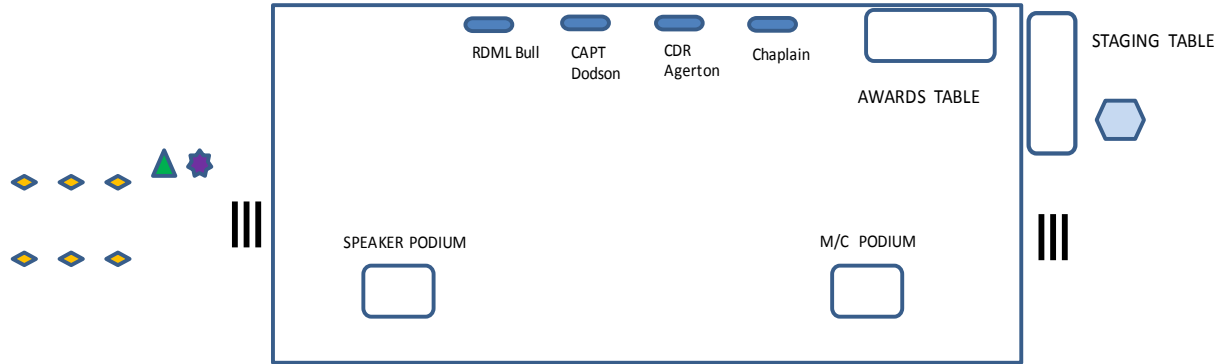
PARKING LOTS, YOU MAY PURCHASE A PARKING TOKEN AT A DISCOUNT
FROM THE CASHIER BOOTHS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE
LEXINGTON. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY.









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HANGARBAY CEREMONY SETUP

STATE FLAGS

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- VIP SEATING 
- CDR AGERTON'S FAMILY & FRIENDS 
- SIDEBOYS SEATING 
- FLAG DETAIL SEATING 
- SIDEBOYS 
- BELL 
- BOS'N 
- SOUND ENG'R 

 COLORS POSTED