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Subj: RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR CAPTAIN DOUGLAS D. CARSTEN

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 of Captain Carsten.

2. Information. Captain Carsten will retire after 30 years of honorable service on Thursday, 23 April 2015 onboard USS LEXINGTON. The ceremony will commence at 1000 followed by a reception in the hangar bay. A rehearsal will be held at 1400, Wednesday, 22 April 2015 onboard USS LEXINGTON.

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

Ceremony Coordinator	CDR Vagedes
Co-coordinator	LCDR McNally
Master of Ceremonies	CDR Vagedes
Presiding Officer/Speaker	RDML Kelley
Ceremony Chaplain	Chaplain S. Warne
Shadow Box Presentation	Mr. Dave Watson
Sideboy	CAPT Fernandez
Sideboy	CAPT Hayden
Sideboy	CDR Fooshee
Sideboy	CDR Morillo
Sideboy	Maj O'Connor
Sideboy	LCDR Armstrong
Head Escort/Lot Greeter	CDR Ray
Head Usher/Escort	LTCOL Brightman
Usher/Escort	TW4 Student
Usher/Escort	TW4 Student
Usher/Escort	TW4 Student
Usher/Escort/Lot Greeter	TW4 Student
Usher/Escort/Lot Greeter	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
Usher/Escort/LEX Entrance Greeter	TW4 Student
Honors Boatswain	BM2 Pickle
Bell Ringer	NASCC Detail
The Watch	AC1 Smith
Old Glory	CDR Vagedes
Flag Detail	ENS TW-4 TBD
	LTJG TW-4 TBD
	LT Gaston
	Maj O'Connor
	CDR Vega
Color Guard Coordinator	AWSC Horton
	AC1 Pullen
Stage/Equip/Flag Coordinator	AWSC Horton
Sound Equipment Engineer	Mario Tijerina
LOA/Cert/Awards/Invitations	Mr. Ortiz
Public Affairs/Programs	LT Olson
Photographer/Programs	Mr. Stewart
Cake/Flowers Coordinator	Ms. Lund
Working Party Coordinator	AWSC Horton
Working Party	NOSC/TW4
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b. USS LEXINGTON POC: Ms. Rebekah Brooks, (361)888-4873, ext. 305.

3. Action Officers/Items

a. Action Officer: CDR Vagedes 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. Flint Journal
3. NAS Corpus Christi WINGSPAN
4. Corpus Christi Caller-Times newspaper
5. Owosso Argus Press
6. CNATRA Facebook

(c) Create an official program for retirement ceremony based on Captain Carsten's specifications. Provide 225 printed copies of program for ceremony.

(d) Ensure the base marquee leaving base on 23 April 2015 states the following:

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

(2) Administrative Officer:

(a) Provide certificates from the President of the United States, the Governors of Texas, Michigan, The Yellow Rose of Texas Certificate for Captain Carsten's wife, and Letters of Appreciation for Captain Carsten's wife and daughters.

(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 17 personnel to support ceremony as follows:

(b) Ushers/Escorts/Lot Greeters (10) as noted in paragraph 2(a) above.

(c) Flag Detail (2) as noted in paragraph 2(a) above.

(d) Working Party (5) as noted in paragraph 2(a) above.

4. Uniform

a. Participants: Full Dress Whites (Choker White) or equivalent with large medals, white gloves, and swords.

b. Sideboys: Full Dress Whites (Choker White) or equivalent with large medals and white gloves.

c. Usher/Escorts: Full Dress Whites (Choker White) or equivalent with large medals and white gloves.

d. Color Guard: Full Dress Whites (Choker White) or equivalent with ribbons and white gloves.

e. Military Guests: Summer Whites or equivalent with ribbons.

f. Civilian Guests: Business attire.

D. M. EDGECOMB  
Chief of Staff

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RETIREMENT CEREMONY SCRIPT  
CAPTAIN DOUGLAS D. CARSTEN  
UNITED STATES NAVY

- 0700 - CEREMONY SETUP. TEST SOUND SYSTEM AND MUSIC.  
0800 - PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE. COMMENCE PRACTICE AND FINAL WALK THROUGH.  
0930 - ESCORTS STAND-BY TO ESCORT VISITORS TO THEIR SEATS IN THE HANGAR BAY. **CEREMONIAL PRELUDE MUSIC BEGINS.**  
0945 - MASTER OF CEREMONIES TAKES POSITION.  
0955 - **PRELUDE MUSIC TERMINATES.**  
**MC:** - **WILL THE GUESTS AND FAMILY PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS.**  
0956 - **MUSIC: SOUND ENGINEER PLAYS GOD BLESS THE USA BY LEE GREENWOOD.**  
1000 - RETIREMENT CEREMONY COMMENCES.

**MC:** GOOD MORNING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND WELCOME ABOARD THE HISTORIC USS LEXINGTON FOR THE RETIREMENT CEREMONY OF CAPTAIN DOUG CARSTEN, UNITED STATES NAVY.

I AM CDR VAGEDES, 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: CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES NAVY, ARRIVING.

(CAPTAIN CARSTEN PIPED ABOARD THROUGH FOUR SIDEBOYS AND WAITS BY STAGE TO GREET RDML KELLEY)

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

\*\*\*\*\*BAND PLAYS RUFFLE AND FLOURISH \*\*\*\*\*

(CAPT CARSTEN GREETES RDML KELLEY AND PROCEEDS TO SECOND CHAIR ON STAGE. RDML KELLEY TAKES FIRST CHAIR. BOTH 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 (BAND).

MC: RETIRE THE COLORS.

(COLOR GUARD EXITS THE CEREMONY)

MC: CHAPLAIN WARNE WILL NOW DELIVER THE INVOCATION.

(CHAPLAIN WARNE 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 KELLEY  
CAPTAIN EDGECOMB  
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
COMMODORES  
CAPTAIN CARSTEN  
CAROL, ERIN ELISA AND STEPHANIE  
HONORED GUESTS  
CNATRA FAMILY  
SHIPMATES  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS

WELCOME TO THIS SPECIAL OCCASION, THE RETIREMENT CEREMONY OF CAPTAIN DOUG CARSTEN 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 CAPTAIN CARSTEN'S STELLAR SERVICE TO OUR NATION.

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

MC: REAR ADMIRAL KELLEY WAS DESIGNATED A NAVAL AVIATOR AT NAS KINGSVILLE IN 1986. HE FLEW THE F-14 TOMCAT WHILE SERVING AT VF-102 ONBOARD THE USS AMERICA, AT VF-143 ONBOARD THE USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, AND AT VF-32 ONBOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT. HE ALSO SERVED AS AN INSTRUCTOR & DEMONSTRATION PILOT WHILE AT VF-101.

REAR ADMIRAL KELLEY'S SHORE TOURS INCLUDED F-14 PLACEMENT OFFICER AT THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL, THE JOINT STAFF J-3 JODCENT PLANNING AND BRIEFING FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, NAVY STAFF AIR WARFARE DIVISION AS F/A-18 REQUIREMENTS OFFICER, AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR COMMANDER, NAVAL AIR FORCES PACIFIC.

HIS FIRST COMMAND TOUR WAS AT VF-102 IN 2001, WHILE SERVING ONBOARD USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. HIS SECOND COMMAND TOUR WAS CARRIER AIR WING 7 IN 2009; MAKING TWO DEPLOYMENTS ONBOARD USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

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REAR ADMIRAL KELLEY'S DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE LEGION OF MERIT, BRONZE STAR, JOINT MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, AIR MEDAL (7 STRIKE FLIGHT AWARDS AND COMBAT V), NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, AND VARIOUS CAMPAIGN, UNIT, AND SERVICE AWARDS. HE HAS ACCUMULATED OVER 4,000 FLIGHT HOURS AND OVER 900 ARRESTED LANDINGS.

MC: PLEASE WELCOME TO THE PODIUM, REAR ADMIRAL ROY KELLEY.

\*\*\*\*\* APPLAUSE \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*REAR ADMIRAL KELLEY REMARKS\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* APPLAUSE \*\*\*\*\*

(ADMIRAL KELLEY RETURNS TO HIS SEAT)

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MC: SINCE 2010 CAPT CARSTEN HAS HELD THE TITLE OF "GREYHOUND ONE". THIS DESIGNATION IS BESTOWED UPON THE MOST SENIOR ACTIVE DUTY NAVY PILOT IN THE C-2 COMMUNITY. WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME CAPT CARSTEN TO THE PODIUM FOR TRANSFER OF "GREYHOUND ONE".

\*\*\*\*\* APPLAUSE \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*CAPT CARSTEN REMARKS "GREYHOUND ONE"\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* APPLAUSE \*\*\*\*\*

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MC: AT THIS TIME, WE WILL BEGIN PRESENTING NUMEROUS AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN WITH CAPTAIN CARSTEN'S WIFE, CAROL.

\*\*\*\* CAPTAIN CARSTEN STANDS AND MOVES OFF STAGE TO STAND BY HIS WIFE \*\*\*\*

MC: THE NAVY WIFE IS UNIQUE IN THAT SHE IS A HOMEMAKER AND FAMILY MANAGER ALL IN ONE. SHE ALSO PLAYS AN IMPORTANT AND NEEDED ROLE IN HER HUSBAND'S CAREER IN THE NAVY. OPERATING FOR

MONTHS AT A TIME WITHOUT THE COMPANIONSHIP OR ASSISTANCE OF HER HUSBAND, SHE ROUTINELY OVERCOMES CHALLENGES THAT WOULD GIVE THE AVERAGE PERSON A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN. PART DOCTOR, PART TEACHER AND PART HANDYMAN, SHE CAN LAVISH LOVING CARE ON A SICK TODDLER, HELP A TEENAGER WITH HER ALGEBRA HOMEWORK, AND TRACK DOWN A FAULTY CIRCUIT BREAKER - - - ALL WHILE HOLDING DOWN A FULL TIME JOB! HOW DOES THE NAVY WIFE DO IT? SIMPLY, SHE UNDERSTANDS HER ROLE AS A NAVY WIFE, HER INHERENT RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHER NAVY WIVES AND THAT SHE IS INDEED A PART OF THE NAVY. SHE FEELS THE PRIDE OF BELONGING TO THE NAVY TEAM AND RECOGNIZES THAT SHE, TOO, IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAVY AND THE UNITED STATES JUST AS HER HUSBAND IS. ALTHOUGH SHE WEARS NO UNIFORM, SHE IS A PART OF OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE - - - A VITAL LINK IN THE CHAIN OF FREEDOM. THERE IS NO OTHER WOMAN IN THE WORLD LIKE THE NAVY WIFE. SHE IS INDEED UNIQUE! SHE IS INDEED RARE! CAROL, WE SALUTE YOU. FOR WITHOUT YOU AND NAVY WIVES LIKE YOU, THIS GREAT NAVY OF OURS WOULD NOT BE WHAT IT IS TODAY.

(HEAD USHER HANDS FLOWERS TO CAPT CARSTEN FOR PRESENTATION TO HIS WIFE, MOTHER, AND TWO DAUGHTERS)

\*\*\*\*\* APPLAUSE \*\*\*\*\*

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(CAPT CARSTEN BRINGS WIFE ONTO CENTER STAGE FOR AWARD)

MC: ADMIRAL KELLEY, SIR, IF YOU WILL PLEASE JOIN CAPT CARSTEN AND CAROL AT CENTER STAGE.

(ADMIRAL KELLEY JOINS CAPT CARSTEN AND WIFE ON CENTER STAGE)

(FLAG AIDE HANDS CERTIFICATE TO ADMIRAL KELLEY)

MC: ADMIRAL KELLEY WILL NOW PRESENT MRS. CARSTEN WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. THE CERTIFICATE READS AS FOLLOWS:

## AWARD PLACE HOLDER

\*\*\*\*\* APPLAUSE \*\*\*\*\*

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

## AWARD PLACE HOLDER

\*\*\*\*\* APPLAUSE \*\*\*\*\*

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MC: REAR ADMIRAL KELLEY WILL NOW RECOGNIZE CAPTAIN CARSTEN'S  
CHILDREN: ERIN ELISA AND STEPHANIE WITH CERTIFICATES OF  
APPRECIATION.

(USHER/ESCORTS BRING CHILDREN ONTO CENTER STAGE)

(FLAG AIDE PROVIDES CERTIFICATES TO ADMIRAL KELLEY)

MC: THE CERTIFICATES READ AS FOLLOWS:

## AWARD PLACE HOLDER

\*\*\*\*\* APPLAUSE \*\*\*\*\*

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MC: THANK YOU TO THE CARSTEN FAMILY.

(USHER/ESCORTS BRING MRS. CARSTEN AND CHILDREN BACK TO THEIR  
SEATS)

\*\*\*\*\* APPLAUSE \*\*\*\*\*

(CAPT CARSTEN AND ADMIRAL KELLEY RETURN TO THE CENTER STAGE)

MC: WE WILL NOW HONOR CAPTAIN CARSTEN WITH AN AWARD. WILL THE  
GUESTS PLEASE RISE.

MC: MILITARY PERSONNEL, PLEASE COVER.

(PAUSE)

MC: ATTENTION TO AWARD!

(MC: READS AWARD WHILE ADMIRAL PRESENTS)

**AWARD PLACE HOLDER**

\*\*\*\*\* APPLAUSE \*\*\*\*\*

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

MC: REAR ADMIRAL KELLEY WILL NOW PRESENT CAPTAIN CARSTEN WITH HIS PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. THE AWARD READS AS FOLLOWS:

**AWARD PLACE HOLDER**

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

**AWARD PLACE HOLDER**

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MC: ALSO FROM THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, AN HONORARY APPOINTMENT TO ADMIRAL IN THE TEXAS NAVY; THE CITATION READS:

**AWARD PLACE HOLDER**

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

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## AWARD PLACE HOLDER

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MC: AND FINALLY, REAR ADMIRAL KELLEY WILL NOW PRESENT CAPTAIN CARSTEN 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 DOUGLAS D. CARSTEN, CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES NAVY, HAVING SERVED FAITHFULLY AND HONORABLY WAS RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2015.

SIGNED: WILLIAM F. MORAN, VICE ADMIRAL, UNITED STATES NAVY,  
CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL.

\*\*\*\*\* INITIATE APPLAUSE\*\*\*\*\*

(RDML KELLEY AND CAPT CARSTEN RETURNS TO THEIR SEATS)

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MC: FLAG DETAIL, POST.

MC: THE DETAIL ASSEMBLING BEFORE YOU IS PREPARING TO PRESENT OUR NATIONAL ENSIGN TO CAPTAIN CARSTEN. THE MEMBERS REPRESENT CAPTAIN CARSTEN'S PROGRESSION THROUGH THE RANKS.

(CAPT CARSTEN LEAVES HIS SEAT AND TAKES PLACE IN HIS FLAG DETAIL POSITION)

MUSIC: ETERNAL FATHER (BAND).

MC:

"I AM THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;  
MY NAME IS "OLD GLORY".

I FLY ATOP THE WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDINGS,

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I STAND WATCH IN AMERICA'S HALLS OF JUSTICE,  
I FLY MAJESTICALLY OVER GREAT INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING,  
I STAND GUARD WITH THE GREATEST MILITARY POWER IN THE WORLD.  
LOOK UP! AND SEE ME.

"I STAND FOR PEACE - HONOR - TRUTH AND JUSTICE.

I STAND FOR FREEDOM.

I AM CONFIDENT

I AM COURAGEOUS

I AM PROUD.

WHEN I AM FLOWN WITH MY FELLOW BANNERS,

MY HEAD IS A LITTLE HIGHER

MY COLORS A LITTLE TRUER

I BOW TO NO ONE!

I AM RECOGNIZED ALL OVER THE WORLD,

I AM WORSHIPPED - I AM SALUTED - I AM RESPECTED.

I AM REVERED - I AM LOVED AND I AM FEARED!

I HAVE FOUGHT IN EVERY BATTLE OF EVERY WAR FOR MORE THAN 200  
YEARS:

GETTYSBURG, WILDERNESS, SPOTSYLVANIA, COLD HARBOR, SAN JUAN  
HILL, THE TRENCHES OF FRANCE, THE ARGONNE FOREST, ANZIO, ROME,  
THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY, GUAM, OKINAWA, TARAWA, KOREA, VIETNAM,  
THE PERSIAN GULF, AFGHANISTAN AND SCORES OF PLACES LONG  
FORGOTTEN BY ALL

EXCEPT BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE WITH ME,

I WAS THERE!

I LED MY SAILORS AND MARINES

I FOLLOWED THEM

I WATCHED OVER THEM

THEY LOVED ME!!

I WAS ON A SMALL HILL ON IWO JIMA,

I WAS DIRTY, BATTLE WORN AND TIRED

BUT MY SAILORS AND MARINES CHEERED ME!

AND I WAS PROUD!

I WAS AT GROUND ZERO IN NEW YORK CITY ON SEPTEMBER 11TH AS  
AMERICA WAS ATTACKED.

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I WAS RAISED FROM THE ASHES OF ONCE PROUD BUILDINGS BY BRAVE  
FIREFIGHTERS, HEROES, WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES TO SAVE OTHERS,  
SHOWING ALL THAT AMERICA, ALTHOUGH BLOODIED, WILL NEVER BE  
BEATEN.

THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY ME CANNOT WIN  
FOR I AM THE SYMBOL OF FREEDOM,  
OF ONE NATION, UNDER GOD,  
INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY  
AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

I HAVE BEEN SOILED, BURNED, TORN AND TRAMPLED ON THE STREETS OF  
MY OWN COUNTRY  
AND WHEN IT IS BY THOSE WHOM I HAVE SERVED WITH IN BATTLE, IT  
HURTS.

BUT I SHALL OVERCOME  
FOR I AM STRONG!

I HAVE SLIPPED THE SURELY BONDS OF EARTH  
AND FROM MY VANTAGE POINT ON THE MOON,  
I STAND WATCH OVER THE UNCHARTED NEW FRONTIERS OF SPACE.

I HAVE BEEN A SILENT WITNESS  
TO ALL OF AMERICA'S FINEST HOURS,  
BUT MY FINEST HOUR COMES  
WHEN I AM TORN IN STRIPS, TO BE USED AS BANDAGES FOR MY WOUNDED  
COMRADES ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE

WHEN I FLY HALF MAST TO HONOR MY SOLDIERS, MY SAILORS, MY  
AIRMEN, MY MARINES

AND WHEN I LIE IN THE TREMBLING ARMS OF A GRIEVING MOTHER, AT  
THE GRAVESIDE OF HER FALLEN SON OR DAUGHTER

I AM PROUD.

MY NAME IS "OLD GLORY"

LONG MAY I WAVE

DEAR GOD, LONG MAY I WAVE.

MUSIC: STOPS.

MC: CAPTAIN CARSTEN, THIS NATIONAL ENSIGN IS PRESENTED TO YOU AS A TRIBUTE TO YOUR 30 PLUS YEARS OF HONORABLE AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND NAVY. THIS FLAG WAS FLOWN OVER THE USS HARRY S. TRUMAN.

(CAPT CARSTEN RETURNS TO STAGE AND PASSES FLAG TO AIDE WHO PLACES IT ON THE AWARDS TABLE. MC CONTINUES)

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MC: CAPTAIN CARSTEN WILL NOW BE PRESENTED WITH HIS SHADOW BOX. THE SHADOW BOX IS A 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.

(MR. WATSON COMES TO THE STAGE)

MC: PRESENTING CAPTAIN CARSTEN WITH HIS SHADOW BOX IS MR. DAVID WATSON, A RETIRED MASTER CHIEF WITH 37 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE.

(MR. WATSON UNVEILS THE SHADOW BOX AND BRINGS IT TO CAPTAIN CARSTEN FOR PRESENTATION)

MC: CAPTAIN CARSTEN'S SHADOW BOX IS FRAMED TO RESEMBLE AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER. THE FLAG ENCASED IN THE SHADOW BOX WAS FLOWN AT THE CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR TRAINING HEADQUARTERS AT NAS CORPUS CHRISTI, AT THE USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL IN PEARL HARBOR HAWAII, AND AT THE STATE CAPITOL IN LANSING, MICHIGAN.

(MR. WATSON RETURNS SHADOW BOX TO AWARDS TABLE)

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MC: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE WELCOME TO THE PODIUM, CAPTAIN DOUGLAS D. CARSTEN, UNITED STATES NAVY.

(CAPT CARSTEN PROCEEDS TO THE SPEAKER PODIUM)

\*\*\*\*\* CAPT CARSTEN REMARKS \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* APPLAUSE \*\*\*\*\*

(CAPT CARSTEN RETURNS TO SEAT)

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MC: BOATSWAIN . . . STANDBY TO PIPE THE SIDE . . . CAPTAIN  
CARSTEN 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  
PULLED AWAY, THE GUNNER WOULD FIRE A SALUTE FROM THE SHIP'S MAIN  
BATTERY, AND THE RETIREE SAT IN THE STERN SHEETS.....GOING  
ASHORE.

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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, CAPTAIN CARSTEN WILL REQUEST PERMISSION TO GO ASHORE FOR THE LAST TIME.

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MC: SIDEBOYS - POST.

(SIDEBOYS RETURN TO THEIR POSITIONS. FOUR SIDEBOYS WILL BE USED TO PIPE CAPT CARSTEN ASHORE)

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

(CAPTAIN CARSTEN STANDS)

(AC1 SMITH RECITES THE WATCH)

AC1 SMITH: CAPT CARSTEN YOU STAND RELIEVED... WE HAVE THE WATCH.

(AC1 SMITH SALUTES CAPT CARSTEN)

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

MC: CHAPLAIN WARNE WILL NOW DELIVER THE BENEDICTION.

(CHAPLAIN WARNE DELIVERS BENEDICTION AND RETURNS TO SEAT)

MC: CAPTAIN CARSTEN WILL NOW REQUEST PERMISSION TO GO ASHORE FROM REAR ADMIRAL KELLEY.

(ADMIRAL KELLEY AND CAPT CARSTEN APPROACH CENTER STAGE)

Enclosure (1)

(CAPT CARSTEN WILL REQUEST PERMISSION TO GO ASHORE AND ADMIRAL KELLEY WILL GRANT PERMISSION)

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

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

MC: CAPTAIN DOUGLAS D. CARSTEN, UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED, DEPARTING.

(CAPT CARSTEN WALKS THROUGH SIDEBOYS THEN ESCORTS FAMILY TO THE HEAD OF THE CARPET)

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

MC: CAPTAIN DOUGLAS D. CARSTEN, UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED, AND FAMILY, DEPARTING.

(CAPT CARSTEN WALKS THROUGH SIDEBOYS WITH FAMILY)

MUSIC: ANCHORS AWAY.

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MC: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS CONCLUDES THE FORMAL RETIREMENT CEREMONY. ON BEHALF OF CAPTAIN CARSTEN 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 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.

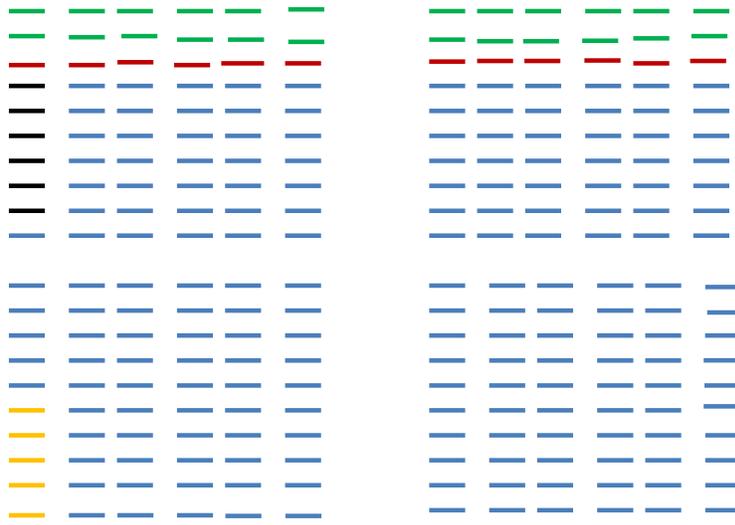
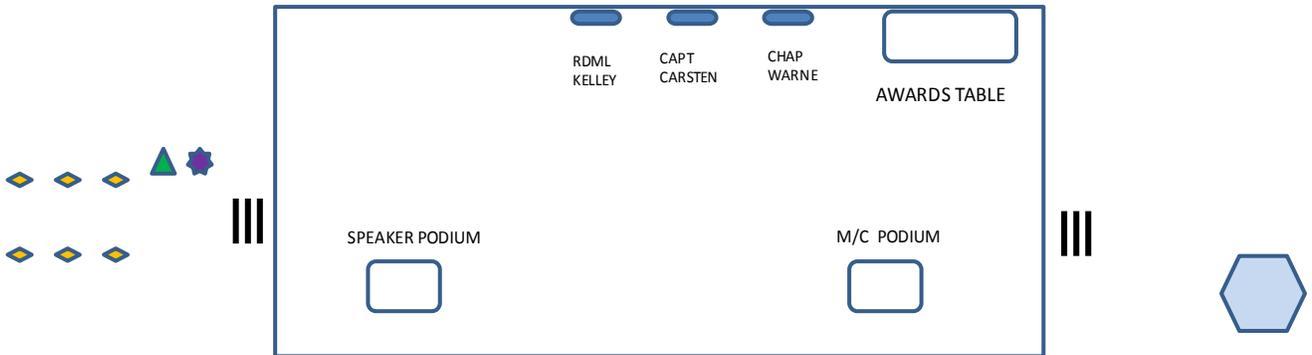
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Enclosure (1)

### HANGARBAY CEREMONY SETUP

STATE FLAGS

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- VIP SEATING
- CAPT CARSTEN FAMILY & FRIENDS
- SIDEBOYS SEATING
- FLAG DETAIL SEATING
- SIDEBOYS
- BELL
- BOS'N
- USAF BAND

COLORS POSTED