

INSTALLATION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

(Installing Officer [RADM STILLMAN] to Incumbent President)

(RADM STILLMAN) Mr. President, the term for which you and your subordinate officers were elected has now expired. I am present to install your newly elected officers. Have the officers for the ensuing year been duly elected?

(A: They have)

(RADM STILLMAN) Have the records and accounts of the Chapter been examined and approved by the Audit Committee?

(A: They have)

(RADM STILLMAN) Do you have in your possession the Chapter Charter and the gavel of your office?

(A: I have)

(RADM STILLMAN) You will surrender them to me. Mr. President, you will call the roll of the officers-elect, and as the names are called, the officers will stand.

President: BMC Mark Allen
Vice-President: MCPO Alex Keenan
Secretary: YNC Jamie Rambo
Treasurer: TCC Carmela Martinez-Ortiz

(Installing Officer [RADM STILLMAN] to President and Officers'-Elect)

(RADM STILLMAN) It now becomes my duty and honor to install the officers in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chief Petty Officers Association. Will the officers-elect please come forward?

I have the honor of now installing you who have been chosen by your fellow Chiefs in the **Washington DC** Chapter of the Chief Petty Officers Association to administer its affairs for the ensuing year.

Mr. President-elect, place your left hand on the Bible before you. Officers-elect to the rear, place your left hand on the shoulder of the person before you. Now all raise you right hand and answer the following questions in the affirmative in taking the Oath of Office.

Will you conscientiously perform all the duties of your office as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chief Petty Officers Association and the Governing Rules of this Chapter?

(A: I will)

(RADM STILLMAN) Will you at all times, protect the interests of the Chief Petty Officers Association and its Chapters, its Auxiliary Units and members, to the best of your ability?

(A: I will)

(RADM STILLMAN) Will you keep an accurate and true account of all funds, books, papers, and other property belonging to the Chapter, entrusted to you; and submit them to audit when required, and at any time you are requested to do so by competent authority; and at the close of the term to which you have been elected, or sooner if so directed by proper authority, deliver such property in your possession or under your control to the person or persons, officer or officers, entitled to receive same?

(A: I will)

(RADM STILLMAN) Then say after me, using your name as I do mine:

I _____, do hereby solemnly promise, that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chief Petty Officers Association and the governing rules of this Chapter, to the best of my ability. This I freely pledge as a citizen of our United States of America and on my honor as a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Coast Guard.

You may lower your hands.

Officers, you now occupy a position of honor, trust, and responsibility to which your fellows Chiefs have elected you. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Association and the governing rules of the Chapter prescribe your duties. Study them well so that you may intelligently discharge the obligation you have assumed. I congratulate you.

Mr. President this Chapter is about to be placed in your charge. The

harmony and progress of its affairs will depend to a large extent upon your leadership. Your fellow Chiefs have honored you by electing you to the highest office in the Chapter and making you a member of the National Board of Directors. They have placed their faith in you and you owe them a solemn obligation to do your utmost to perform the duties of your high office, as its most obedient servant, never its master.

I place in your hands this gavel. It is the emblem of authority. You are admonished to always use it wisely and impartially.

Study the principles set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association and the governing rules of this Chapter. Become familiar with parliamentary procedure, for it is your duty to discharge the rules and rituals of the Association and to pass on rules governing debates. Your duty is in reality a privilege - that of serving your fellow Chiefs.

I now deliver the Charter of this Chapter into your hands. As President, you are personally responsible for its safety. It is your duty to see it is prominently displayed at all Chapter meetings. Upon completion of your term of office, deliver it to your successor in officer.

I now declare the officers of the **Washington DC** Chapter of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association are duly installed and the Chapter is in working order.

