

2004 PENSACOLA AREA CPO DINING-IN SCRIPT

<u>TIME</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1800	All	Arrival of Mess members for cocktails
1830	President	The head table forms the receiving line in the following order: Mess President , Guest of Honor, Base CMC, Committee Chair, The Vices. The Chaplain/Narrator will already be in place at the head table/Podium respectively.
1850	Narrator	Sound "MESS CALL" wait 10 seconds and play Stars and Stripes"
1855	ALL	Proceed to tables and remain standing.
1857	Color Guard	Take prescribed Service flags from their holders
1800	Head Table	Remain outside of dining room. Standby to proceed to assigned chairs when announced by Narrator. Order of entry will be Mess President, Guest of Honor, Base CMC, Committee Chair , <i>Chaplain</i> , The Vices.

NARRATOR: "Good Evening Fellow Chief Petty Officers I am Master Chief Petty Officer Pete Crawford and I'd like to welcome you to The Pensacola Area CPOA Dining-In. The Official Party."

When announced Mess President starts towards table

NARRATOR: "SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER PARRISH MAJOR PRESIDENT, PENSACOLA AREA CPOA

When announced guest of honor starts towards table

NARRATOR: " OUR DISTINGUISHED GUEST OF HONOR: MASTER CHIEF ***" FORCE MASTER CHIEF.....**

2004 PENSACOLA AREA CPO DINING-IN SCRIPT

When announced CMDCM ORR starts towards table

NARRATOR: *"MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER PAUL ORR"
CMC, NAS PENSACOLA, FL.*

When announced Dining-In Chairman starts towards table

NARRATOR: *CHIEF PETTY OFFICER KARIM COLE,
NAVAL AEROSPACE MEDICAL INSTITUTE*

When Announced Mr. Vice starts towards table(The vice table)

NARRATOR: *"Chief Petty Officer Page" MR. VICE*

PRESIDENT: Once the members of the Head table arrive at their positions, Mess President will give three raps of the gavel and announce:

"THE MESS WILL COME TO ORDER"

PRESIDENT: "PARADE THE COLORS." (Color Guards will parade the colors)
(There will be flag stands on the stage, the Color Guards will post the colors on the stand and then return to their seats-ALL CPOs/E7)

NARRATOR: OUR NATIONAL FLAGS DATES BACK TO THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS ON 14 JUNE 1777. THIS RESOLUTION ESTABLISHED THAT THE FLAG CONSIST OF 13 ALTERNATE RED AND WHITE STRIPES AND THE UNION OF 13 WHITE STARS IN A BLUE FIELD, REPRESENTING A CONSTELLATION.

A SYMBOL OF LIBERTY AND STRENGTH, THE AMERICAN FLAG HAS CARRIED ITS MESSAGE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD....

FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS.....

"OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM"

MC: PLAY NATIONAL ANTHEM

NARRATOR: RPC SAILOR WILL NOW GIVE THE INVOCATION

RPC: DELIVERS INVOCATION!!!! AMEN.

2004 PENSACOLA AREA CPO DINING-IN SCRIPT

PRESIDENT: RAP GAVEL ONCE

FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, PLEASE BE SEATED

NARRATOR: (when flag bearers return to seats) ***“AS YOU ENTERED THE DINING ROOM THIS EVENING, YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED A SMALL TABLE IN A PLACE OF HONOR NEAR THE VICE... IT IS SET FOR ONE. THIS SYMBOLIZES, THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSION OF ARMS ARE ABSENT FROM OUR MIDST. THEY ARE COMMONLY CALLED POW’S AND MIA’S. THE TABLE SET FOR ONE IS SMALL... SYMBOLIZING THE FRAILITY OF ONE PRISONER ALONE AGAINST THE OPPRESSOR... REMEMBER!”***

THE TABLECLOTH IS WHITE...SYMBOLIZING THE PURITY OF THEIR MOTIVES WHEN ANSWERING THE CALL TO DUTY...REMEMBER!

THE SINGLE ROSE DISPLAYED IN A VASE REMINDS US OF THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES OF OUR COMRADES-IN-ARMS WHO KEEP THE FAITH AWAITING THEIR SAFE RETURN... REMEMBER!

THE RED RIBBON TIED PROMINENTLY TO THE VASE IS REMINISCENT OF THE RED RIBBON WORN UPON THE LAPEL AND BREAST OF THOUSANDS WHO BEAR WITNESS TO THEIR UNYIELDING DETERMINATION TO DEMAND A PROPER ACCOUNTING OF OUR MISSING... REMEMBER!

A SLICE OF LEMON IS ON THE BREAD PLATE TO REMIND US OF THE BITTER FATE OF THOSE CAPTURED AND MISSING IN A FOREIGN LAND... REMEMBER!

2004 PENSACOLA AREA CPO DINING-IN SCRIPT

**THERE IS SALT POURED UPON THE BREAD PLATE,
SYMBOLIC OF THE FAMILY'S TEARS AS THEY WAIT...
REMEMBER!**

**THE BIBLE REPRESENTS THE STRENGTH GAINED
THROUGH FAITH TO SUSTAIN THOSE LOST FROM OUR
COUNTRY, FOUNDED AS ONE NATION UNDER
GOD... REMEMBER!**

**THE GLASS IS INVERTED... TO SYMBOLIZE THEIR INABILITY
TO SHARE THIS EVENING'S TOAST... REMEMBER!**

**THE CHAIR IS EMPTY... THEY ARE NOT HERE WITH US
TONIGHT... REMEMBER!**

**REMEMBER... ALL OF US WHO SERVED WITH THEM AND
CALLED THEM COMRADES... WHO DEPENDED UPON
THEIR AID... WHO RELIED ON THEM... SURELY THEY HAVE
NOT FORSAKEN US. REMEMBER!**

**LET US NOW RAISE OUR WATER GLASSES IN A TOAST TO
HONOR AMERICAN'S POW/MIA'S AND TO THE SUCCESS OF
OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOUNT FOR THEM.....**

NARRATOR: PLEASE BE SEATED

BMC(SW)- Boatswain, proceeds to bell:

NARRATOR: (after an appropriate pause)

**"DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF TRANS-ATLANTIC SAILING, THE
SHIPPING INSURANCE COMPANY LLOYD'S OF LONDON, WOULD
MARK THE LOSS OF A SHIP AND HER CREW BY RINGING A BELL
OUTSIDE THE INSURANCE OFFICE. THE SOUND OF THAT LONELY
BELL ECHOED ALONG THE WATERFRONT – TOLLING THE LOSS OF
FELLOW SHIPMATES. THAT TRADITION CONTINUES TODAY IN THE
BELL CEREMONY. EACH STRIKE OF THE BELL REMINDS US OF**

2004 PENSACOLA AREA CPO DINING-IN SCRIPT

THE REVERENCE WE OWE TO OUR DEPARTED SHIPMATES AND TO THOSE NOW GUARDING THE HONOR OF OUR COUNTRY, UPON THE SEA; UNDER THE SEA, IN THE AIR, AND UPON FOREIGN SOIL.

BOATSWAIN: TWO toll of the bell

NARRATOR: LET US WHO GARTHER HERE TONIGHT NOT FORGET OUR OBLIGATIONS AND IN SILENCE, BREATHE A PRAYER FOR OUR ABSENT SHIPMATES.

BOATSWAIN: TWO toll of the bell

NARRATOR: EACH IN HIS OWN WORDS AND EACH IN HIS OWN WAY, BOW YOUR HEAD AND LET US PRAY, OFFERING A SILENT PRAYER FOR OUR DEPARTED SHIPMATES WHO ARE NOW SERVING ON THE STAFF OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER

(play taps as names are being read)

Names will be read by other participants:

(A CPO)

SGT LEO EARL SEYMORE, US ARMY; MIA 14 MAY 1942

BELL RINGER: ONE toll of the bell

(CPO)

CAPT JOHN WADSWORT CONSOLVO, USMC; MIA 7 MAY 1944

BELL RINGER: ONE toll of the bell

(CPO)

LT BARTON SHELDON CREED, US NAVY; POW 13 MAR 1971

BELL RINGER: ONE toll of the bell

(CPO)

1ST LT JOHN SCOTT ALBRIGHT II, US AIR FORCE; MIA 13 DEC 1968

BELL RINGER: ONE toll of the bell

(CPO)

2004 PENSACOLA AREA CPO DINING-IN SCRIPT

LTJG JACK C. RITTICHER, US Coast Guard; MIA 9 June 1968.

BELL RINGER: ONE toll of the bell

(Retired CPO)

HANNOTEAUX, GUY, CIVILIAN; POW 5 APRIL 1970

BELL RINGER: ONE toll of the bell

NARRATOR: Returns to seat as Mr. Vice stands up in preparation for the toasting ceremony.

PRESIDENT: MR. VICE, IS THE WINE FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION?
(Tastes the wine...then responds)

MR VICE: MR PRESIDENT...BEST DARN WINE I'VE EVER TASTED.

PRESIDENT: MR. VICE, ARE THE WINE GLASSES CHARGED?

MR VICE: (LOOKS AROUND THE MESS) THE GLASSES ARE FULL.

PRESIDENT: Rap gavel twice "Fellow Chief Petty Officers, PLEASE STAND FOR THE TOASTING CEREMONY."

TOASTERS PRESENT TOASTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

PRESIDENT: "FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES."

MR VICE: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, OUR COMMANDER-IN CHIEF, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

RESPONSE BY ALL: "TO THE PRESIDENT." (ALL REMAIN STANDING)

CPO: 'FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY"

MR VICE: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY

ALL: THE UNITED STATES ARMY

MSGT FOSTER: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY, I PROPOSED A TOAST TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

2004 PENSACOLA AREA CPO DINING-IN SCRIPT

MR VICE: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ALL: THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CPO: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY, I PROPOSED A TOAST TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

MR VICE: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ALL: THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

MARINE: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY, I PROPOSED A TOAST TO THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MR VICE: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, TO THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

ALL: THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

CPO: "FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO OUR MISSING COMRADES."

MR VICE: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, TO OUR MISSING COMRADES

RESPONSE BY ALL: "TO OUR MISSING COMRADES."

CPO: "FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO OUR HONORED GUEST(S)."

MR VICE: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, TO OUR HONORED GUEST

RESPONSE BY ALL: "HERE, HERE."

CPO: "FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS."

MR VICE: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, TO THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATION

2004 PENSACOLA AREA CPO DINING-IN SCRIPT

RESPONSE BY ALL: "TO THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS."

CPO: "FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY."

MR VICE: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, TO THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY

RESPONSE BY ALL: "TO THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY."

CPO: "FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY."

MR VICE: TO THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY

RESPONSE BY ALL: "HERE, HERE"

CPO: "FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO OUR SHIPS AT SEA AND OUR DEPLOYED FORCE."

MR VICE: FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, TO OUR SHIPS AT SEAS AND OUR DEPLOYED FORCE

RESPONSE BY ALL: "TO OUR SHIPS A SEA AND DEPLOYED FORCE"

PRESIDENT: "FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, THE MESS IS NOW OPEN."

(ONE rap of the gavel)

ALL: take seats

PRESIDENT: "MR. VICE, PARADE THE BEEF."

MR VICE: (After a small turn towards the kitchen) "PARADE THE BEEF."
The Committee Members will parade the beef to the Head Table followed by Mr. Vice.

BEEF TENDER: (Mr. Vice will join the beef tenders and lead the parade to the head table.)

PRESIDENT: "MR. VICE, IS THE MEAL FIT FOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER CONSUMPTION?"

2004 PENSACOLA AREA CPO DINING-IN SCRIPT

MR. VICE: Taste the beef (make appropriate remarks)

PRESIDENT: "DINNER IS SERVED. Note: The head Table is served first.

(while the meal is being served)

"MR. VICE, THE MESS IS NOW OPEN FOR LIMERICKS, SKITS AND DITTIES."

MR. VICE: (when it seems that the mess has finished eating) "MR. PRESIDENT, IN SUPPORT OF THE CNO'S SMOKING POLICY AND IN THE INTEREST OF HEALTH, I PROPOSE A FIFTEEN MINUTE SMOKE BREAK."

PRESIDENT: "GOOD IDEA, MR. VICE, THE MESS WILL ADJOURN FOR A FIFTEEN-MINUTE BREAK. SMOKING IS ALLOWED IN THE LOBBY AND OUTSIDE THE BUILDING (and wherever else is applicable)."

MR. VICE: (after 15 minute smoke break, The Mess enters and stand behind their chairs. Mr. Vice announced the arrival of the official party)

PRESIDENT: "THE MESS WILL COME TO ORDER."

(THREE raps of the gavel)

PRESIDENT: "MESS BE SEATED."

(ONE rap of the gavel)

President: (moves to the podium): Ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to introduce.....Guest of Honor.....Read Bio.

Please join me in welcoming GUEST SPERKER

Guest Speaker: Moves to podium: Give a great speech.

President: Moves to podium, Thank Guest Speaker. Present gift, if any.

PRESIDENT: "THE MESS IS NOW OPEN FOR INFORMAL TOASTING. ADDRESS ALL TOASTS TO MR. VICE."

Toasting continue until President rap gavel.

PRESIDENT: (after informal toasts) "MR. VICE, READ THE LIST OF OFFENDERS OF MESS CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS AND COLLECT THE FINES."

2004 PENSACOLA AREA CPO DINING-IN SCRIPT

PRESIDENT: (after the mess has paid all fines) "MR. VICE, PROPOSE THE FINAL TOAST."

MR. VICE: (proceed to the head table, fill the head table wine glasses in the following order: Guest of Honor, CPOA President, Dining-In Chairman's, then the President's. Set the carafe in front of the President.)

PRESIDENT: (fill Mr. Vice's glass; TWO raps of the gavel)

ALL: (rise for the final toast)

MR. VICE: (about face) "FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY."

ALL: (as music Anchor's Aweigh begins) Sing Anchor's Aweigh.

RESPONSE BY ALL: "TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY."

PRESIDENT: (close the mess) "PLEASE JOIN ME AND OUR GUEST OF HONOR IN THE BAR FOR COCKTAILS. THE MESS IS NOW CLOSED."

(ONE rap of the gavel)