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Dear Spouse,

Hello and congratulations. It's my sincere hope that you've been able to sit back with your Selectee and take a moment of pride in their selection to Chief Petty Officer.

I know that both of you are going through a very chaotic, and even confusing, time right now. If you have questions or concerns, seek out the spouse of a Chief who has been in the Mess for a few years and they'll be able to assist you. I know that when Rick made it twenty one years ago, my fellow spouses were of tremendous value.

This achievement is a milestone for you both. Obviously, your spouse has reached the pinnacle, the goal of nearly every enlisted man or woman. Your support, though, has been as critical to their success as any single achievement or evaluation. I know that Rick and I appreciate all that you do every day as you stand next to your spouse and help them face whatever challenge lies ahead.

September 16th is the proudest day in any Chief Petty Officer's career. That pride should be shared by you, because you've earned those anchors along with them through the kind of support known only to a Navy spouse and a Navy family.

Thanks again, and congratulations!

Sincerely,

Bobbi West

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Ombudsman-at-Large