

# USNA GRADUATION ANNAPOLIS – 29 MAY

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- THANK YOU CAPT CLARK
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- CONG WITTMAN, CMC, VADM MILLER
- DEAN, FAM/FRIENDS; GRAD CLASS
- UNANTICIPATED HONOR TO BE HERE
  - 37 YEARS AGO

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- **TO OUR NEW JOINT PARTNERS – 2<sup>ND</sup> LTS:**

- BZ; ENTERING A GREAT INSTITUTION
- UNBEATABLE NAVAL TEAM; OFF SHORE OPT

- **TO OUR NEW ENSIGNS:**

- AS WE DISCUSSED, A NEW CHAPTER
  - FAST – YOUR PREDECESSORS
- TAKE CHARGE: LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD
- **PASS ALONG A FEW RECS - EXPERIENCE**

- GUARD YOUR INTEGRITY; UNIQUELY YOURS
    - #1 CHALLENGE
  - PREPARE TO HAVE CHARACTER TESTED
  - ALLEGIANCE TO THE INSTITUTION, NOT BUDDIES
    - IT'S IN THE OATH YOU TAKE
  - BE KIND TO EVERYONE; LEARN TO TRUST
  - TREAT EVERYONE W/ DIGNITY & RESPECT
  - WEAR SUNSCREEN – DAMAGE TAKES 20+ YRS
  - CALL/TEXT/EMAIL/WRITE YOUR MOTHERS
    - HER UNCONDITIONAL LOVE IS ONE OF THE FEW GUARANTEES YOU GET IN LIFE
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## **OATH:**

- HONORED TO COMMISSION YOU
  - “GRADUATES TO BE COMMISSIONED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, PLEASE RISE.”
- OATH (see below); CONGRATS; WELL DONE
- “ENSIGNS, SEATS.”

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“ALL MIDSHIPMEN ENTERING THE UNITED STATES NAVY, PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND. HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AN ENSIGN IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO RANK FROM 29 MAY 2012, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC; THAT YOU WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME;

THAT YOU TAKE THIS OBLIGATION FREELY,  
WITHOUT ANY MENTAL RESERVATION OR  
PURPOSE OF EVASION; AND THAT YOU WILL  
WELL AND FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES  
OF THE OFFICE ON WHICH YOU ARE ABOUT TO  
ENTER; SO HELP YOU GOD?" GRADS: "I DO"