

**USNA GRADUATION
ANNAPOLIS – 24 MAY
(As Prepared Remarks)**

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 - DEAN PHILLIPS, FAM/FRIENDS; GRAD CLASS
 - HONOR TO BE BRINGING IN THE FUTURE
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TO OUR NEW JOINT PARTNERS – 2ND LTS:

- BZ; ENTERING A GREAT INSTITUTION
- UNBEATABLE NAVAL TEAM;

PASS ALONG A FEW RECS - EXPERIENCE

- GUARD YOUR INTEGRITY; NO ONE CAN TAKE IT FROM YOU; IT'S UNIQUELY YOURS
- ALLEGIANCE TO THE INST, NOT BUDDIES
 - IT'S IN THE OATH YOU TAKE TODAY
- BE KIND TO EVERYONE; TREAT EVERYONE WITH DIGNITY & RESPECT
- LEARN TO TRUST SHIPMATES
- LEARN NAVY HERITAGE – IT DEFINES WHO WE ARE
- WEAR SUNSCREEN – DAMAGE TAKES 20+ YRS
- CALL / EMAIL / WRITE YOUR MOTHERS WEEKLY

OATH:

- HONORED TO COMMISSION YOU
- “GRADUATES TO BE COMMISSIONED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, PLEASE RISE.”

“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 24 MAY 2013, 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”*

- CONGRATS; WELL DONE
- “ENSIGNS, SEATS.”