

CLASS 130 CHIEF PETTY OFFICER PINNING CEREMONY

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Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 57





REAR ADM. BRAD “GUNNY” DUNHAM

Rear Adm. Brad Dunham is a native of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1992 and earned a Bachelor of Science in General Science. He was a Halsey advanced research fellow at the Naval War College and earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies in 2012. He completed a fellowship in National Security Strategy and Foreign Policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2020.

Dunham’s operational tours include flying the P- 3C Orion with Patrol Squadron (VP) 9 stationed at Barbers Point, Hawaii deploying in support of Operation Southern Watch; VP-30 in Jacksonville, Florida where he was instrumental in developing the initial Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) syllabus for the P-3C aircraft. He also served as officer-in-charge of a VP-30 instructor detachment flying combat operations over Afghanistan to evaluate weapons and tactics training to the fleet.

Subsequent operational tours include VP-62 in Jacksonville, Florida; VP-64, stationed at Willow Grove, Pennsylvania and execution of the squadron transition from VP-64 to Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 64 flying the C-130T Hercules aircraft. Dunham performed staff tours as Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-35 Directorate as Central Command contingency source planner and as U.S. Fleet Forces Command reserve chief of staff where he served as executive director for Navy COVID-19 response operations and vaccine distribution.

Command tours include VR-64 where he led the squadron’s deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom earning the 2010 Noel Davis Battle Efficiency Award and the 2010 National Defense Transportation Unit of the Year Award. Additional command tours include Navy Reserve, Office of the Secretary of Defense and Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Defense Support to Civilian Authorities.

Dunham’s first flag officer assignment was deputy commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic. He assumed the role as commander, Naval Air Force Reserve in June 2022.

He has accumulated over 5500 flight hours in naval aircraft including combat sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and various other personal, expeditionary, unit and campaign awards.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

COLOR GUARD

Naval Reserve Center North Island

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Chief Petty Officer Chelsea Milburn

INVOCATION

Chief Petty Officer Devotion McNeal

GUEST SPEAKER

Rear Adm. Brad “Gunny” Dunham

THE CPO PLEDGE

Chief Petty Officer Kesha Boahene

PINNING OF CLASS 130 CHIEFS

THE CHIEF’S CREED

Command Master Chief Mark Brush



MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Chief Petty Officer Keith Holt

SIDEBOYS

Chief Petty Officer Christian Naranjo
Chief Petty Officer Whitney “Will” Williams
Chief Petty Officer John Griffin
Chief Petty Officer Jessica Cardenas
Chief Petty Officer Kyle Velovich
Chief Petty Officer Shanna Miller

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER'S PLEDGE

I AM A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN
THE UNITED STATES NAVY

I serve my country and her people with pride and honor.

I seek no special favors.

I make things happen, and do the best I can do.

I am charged with a leadership role
like no other in the world.

I develop junior officers and mold my Sailors.

I acknowledge full responsibility
for the actions of my Sailors.

Because these Sailors are the seeds
of future Chief Petty Officers.

I live by the Navy's core values of
honor, courage and commitment.

I set the example.

I establish the standards of performance.

My Sailors are students and I am their teacher.

I guide and influence the lives of
these young men and women.

In the final analysis, I will determine
the quality of these Sailors.

They look up to me because I treat
them with dignity and respect.

Because they need a leader, I am there for them ---

After all...

I AM A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN
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CHIEF PETTY OFFICER'S CREED

DURING THE COURSE OF INITIATION, YOU HAVE BEEN CAUSED TO HUMBLY ACCEPT CHALLENGE AND FACE ADVERSITY. THIS YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WITH RARE GOOD GRACE. POINTLESS AS SOME OF THESE CHALLENGES MAY HAVE SEEMED, THERE WERE VALID, TIME-HONORED REASONS BEHIND EACH POINTED BARB.

YOUR FAITH IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS WAS NECESSARY TO OVERCOME THESE HURDLES. THE GOAL WAS TO INSTILL IN YOU THAT TRUST IS INHERENT WITH THE DONNING OF THE UNIFORM OF A CHIEF. OUR INTENT WAS TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THAT CHALLENGE IS GOOD; A GREAT AND NECESSARY REALITY WHICH CANNOT MAR YOU – WHICH, IN FACT, STRENGTHENS YOU.

IN YOUR FUTURE AS A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, YOU WILL BE FORCED TO ENDURE ADVERSITY FAR BEYOND WHAT HAS THUS FAR BEEN IMPOSED UPON YOU. YOU MUST FACE EACH CHALLENGE AND ADVERSITY WITH THE SAME DIGNITY AND GOOD GRACE YOU HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED.

BY EXPERIENCE, BY PERFORMANCE, AND BY TESTING, YOU HAVE BEEN ADVANCED TO CHIEF PETTY OFFICER. IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY – AND ONLY IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY – THE RANK OF E7 CARRIES WITH IT UNIQUE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES YOU ARE EXPECTED TO FULFILL AND BOUND TO OBSERVE.

YOUR ENTIRE WAY OF LIFE IS CHANGED. MORE WILL BE EXPECTED OF YOU; MORE WILL BE DEMANDED OF YOU. NOT BECAUSE YOU ARE AN E7, BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE NOW A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER. YOU HAVE NOT MERELY BEEN PROMOTED A PAYGRADE, YOU HAVE JOINED AN EXCLUSIVE FELLOWSHIP AND, AS IN ALL FELLOWSHIPS, YOU HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR COMRADES, EVEN AS THEY HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU. THIS IS WHY WE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY MAY MAINTAIN WITH PRIDE OUR FEELINGS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT ONCE WE HAVE ATTAINED THE POSITION OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES DO NOT APPEAR IN PRINT. THEY HAVE NO OFFICIAL STANDING; THEY CANNOT BE REFERRED TO BY NAME, NUMBER, NOR FILE. THEY HAVE EXISTED FOR OVER 100 YEARS, BECAUSE CHIEFS BEFORE YOU HAVE FREELY ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY BEYOND THE CALL OF PRINTED ASSIGNMENT. THEIR ACTIONS AND THEIR PERFORMANCE DEMANDED THE RESPECT OF THEIR SENIORS AS WELL AS THEIR JUNIORS.

IT IS REQUIRED THAT YOU BE THE FOUNTAIN OF WISDOM, THE AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL, THE AUTHORITY IN PERSONAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS IN TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS. “ASK THE CHIEF” IS A HOUSEHOLD PHRASE IN AND OUT OF THE NAVY. YOU ARE THE CHIEF. THE EXALTED POSITION YOU HAVE ACHIEVED — AND THE WORD EXALTED IS USED ADVISEDLY — EXISTS BECAUSE OF THE SERVICE, CHARACTER, AND PERFORMANCE OF THE CHIEFS BEFORE YOU. IT SHALL EXIST ONLY AS LONG AS YOU AND YOUR FELLOW CHIEFS MAINTAIN THESE STANDARDS.

IT WAS OUR INTENTION THAT YOU NEVER FORGET THIS DAY. IT WAS OUR INTENTION TO TEST YOU, TO TRY YOU, AND TO ACCEPT YOU. YOUR PERFORMANCE HAS ASSURED US THAT YOU WILL WEAR “THE HAT” WITH THE SAME PRIDE AS YOUR COMRADES IN ARMS BEFORE YOU.

WE TAKE A DEEP AND SINCERE PLEASURE IN CLASPING YOUR HAND, AND ACCEPTING YOU AS A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

Congratulations!

Chief Aviation Machinist's Mate Christopher Breiner

Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Courtney Garside

Chief Aircrewman Mechanical Kyle Griswold

Chief Aviation Maintenance Administrationman Michelle Gutierrez

Chief Hospital Corpsman Margrette Hellberg

Chief Yeoman Garrett Luna

Chief Aviation Maintenance Administrationman Deirdre Moore

Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic Cameron Pecoraro

Chief Legalman Carlos Villareal

Chief Hospital Corpsman Torrie Washington



