UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

CLASS OF 2017

June 27, 2013
WELCOME
Guests are requested to stand during the National Anthem, the invocation, and the singing of Navy Blue and Gold. Guests in uniform are requested to remain covered during the ceremony.

MISSION OF THE NAVAL ACADEMY
To develop midshipmen morally, mentally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor and loyalty in order to graduate leaders who are dedicated to a career of naval service and have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government.

PROGRAM
5:25 p.m.
MUSIC BY THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY BAND
MIDSHIPMAN CANDIDATES ENTER AND ARE SEATED
6 p.m.
ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY
NATIONAL ANTHEM
INVOCATION
COMMANDER MICHAEL W. GORE, CHC, U.S. NAVY
Command Chaplain, U.S. Naval Academy
ADMINISTERING THE LEADERSHIP OATH
COMMANDER VALERIE R. OVERSTREET, U.S. NAVY
Officer-in-Charge, Fourth Class Regiment
ADDRESS
VICE ADMIRAL MICHAEL H. MILLER, U.S. NAVY
Superintendent
ADMINISTERING THE INTERNATIONAL OATH OF COMPLIANCE AND THE OATH OF OFFICE
CAPTAIN WILLIAM D. BYRNE JR., U.S. NAVY
Commandant of Midshipmen

LEADERSHIP OATH
Having been selected a member of the Plebe Summer Detail, do you swear (or affirm) that you will train the candidates who stand before you to the best of your ability; that you will develop them into basically trained Midshipmen who are smartly disciplined, morally sound, mentally and physically fit, and thoroughly indoctrinated in love of country and a sense of honor; that you will demand of them, and demonstrate by your own example, the highest standards of personal conduct, honor, morality, and professional skill; and that you will ensure that they are well-prepared to take their place as members of the Brigade at the conclusion of their training, so help you God?

INTERNATIONAL OATH OF COMPLIANCE
Having been admitted as a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, do you swear (or affirm) to comply with all the regulations of the Academy, and do you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, so help you God?

OATH OF OFFICE
Having been appointed a Midshipman in the United States Navy, do you solemnly swear (or affirm) 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?

NAVY BLUE AND GOLD
Now, colleges from sea to sea
May sing of colors true;
But who has better right than we
To hoist a symbol hue?

For Sailors brave in battle fair,
Since fighting days of old,
Have proved the Sailor’s right to wear
The Navy Blue and Gold.