

CPO Cake Cutting Tradition

The CPO Khaki Ball cake-cutting ceremony is important to all Chief Petty Officers, as it is an annual renewal of our commitment to the Mess, our commitment to the Navy . . . and the Navy's commitment to our nation's quest for peace and freedom worldwide.

Traditionally the birthday cake is cut with a CPO Cutlass, as a reminder that we are sea-warriors, committed to carrying arms so that our nation may live in peace.

It is also traditional the cake is cut by the oldest and youngest member of the Mess in attendance. This reminds of those Chiefs from the past upon whose shoulders we stand, and those Chiefs of the present and beyond, who are charged with leading our Navy into the future.

Navy Chief, Navy Pride . . . HOOYAH!

Forever the Mess,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Palm". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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