

June 22, 1994

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: DARREN DICK
SUBJECT: REENLISTMENT CEREMONY FOR SENIOR CHIEF KENNETH E.
BENDER

AT 11:00, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, YOU WILL BE ADMINISTERING THE REENLISTMENT OATH FOR SENIOR CHIEF KENNETH E. BENDER. BENDER IS ORIGINALLY FROM CONCORDIA, KANSAS. HOWEVER, HE IS CURRENTLY STATIONED ABOARD THE USS HUNLEY, SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA.

THIS WILL BE BENDER'S LAST RE-ENLISTMENT. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, VICKIE, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN, JUSTIN (10), COREY (8), AND THADDEUS (6). BENDER'S PARENTS, PHIL AND CONNIE BENTZ, OF CONCORDIA, WILL BE ATTENDING. ADMIRAL BOB NATTER, CHIEF OF NAVY SENATE LIAISON ALSO WILL BE ATTENDING AS WELL AS INSTRUMENTMAN CHIEF RICK BROWN AND SENIOR CHIEF VALERIE NOCIOLLO (PHOTOGRAPHER) ALSO FROM KANSAS.

CHIEF BENDER HAS A MADE A PRACTICE OF MAKING EACH CEREMONY UNIQUE (THE FIRST WAS ON THE USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL, THE SECOND IN THE CLOCK TOWER AT THE SERVICE SCHOOL COMMAND, AND THE THIRD WAS CONDUCTED BY CAPT. PAT MONEYMAKER, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE BLUE ANGELS).

BELOW IS THE ORDER OF EVENTS FOR THE REENLISTMENT CEREMONY FOR SENIOR CHIEF KENNETH E. BENDER (ENTIRE CEREMONY WILL TAKE NO LONGER THAN 30 MINUTES):

- o YOU GIVE OPENING COMMENTS (ATTACHMENT 1)
- o INSTRUMENTMAN CHIEF BROWN CALLS ATTENTION TO REENLISTMENT
- o YOU AND BENDER RECITE THE REENLISTMENT OATH (ATTACHMENT 2)
- o INSTRUMENTMAN CHIEF BROWN PRESENTS FLOWERS TO MRS. BENDER AND MRS. BENTZ
- o YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE REQUIRED ON THE ACTIVE DUTY DISCHARGE, THE OATH OF REENLISTMENT, AND THE CERTIFICATE OF REENLISTMENT

ATTACHMENT 1
OPENING REMARKS

(AFTER YOU COMPLETE YOUR OPENING REMARKS, SR. CHIEF BROWN WILL CALL ATTENTION)

- o BEFORE THE OATH OF RE-ENLISTMENT IS ADMINISTERED I WANT TO EXPRESS WHAT AN HONOR IT IS FOR ME TO CONDUCT THIS RE-ENLISTMENT CEREMONY.**

- o THESE RE-ENLISTMENT CEREMONIES MARK SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES IN ANY SERVICE MEMBER'S CAREER. I KNOW THAT EACH ONE OF YOUR PREVIOUS CEREMONIES HAS, WITHOUT A DOUBT BEEN A MEMORABLE OCCASION FOR YOU, AND I AM PLEASED TO HAVE A PART IN THIS, YOUR FINAL RE-ENLISTMENT CEREMONY.**

- o MILITARY SERVICE HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF THE HIGHEST CALLINGS, AND IN MY VIEW, THAT IS NO LESS TRUE TODAY. WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS THE DEBT OWED TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR THE YEARS OF DEDICATION, COMMITMENT, AND SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION. WE MUST NEVER TAKE FOR GRANTED THE FREEDOMS WE HAVE IN THIS COUNTRY AND WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED SO HONORABLY TO PROTECT THOSE LIBERTIES.**

- o AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE. WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE FORMALITIES OF YOUR RE-ENLISTMENT.**

**ATTACHMENT 2
OATH OF REENLISTMENT**

BELOW IS THE OATH OF REENLISTMENT WHICH SR. CHIEF BENDER WILL REPEAT AFTER YOU. I HAVE BROKEN IT UP INTO PRHASES IN ORDER TO MORE EASILY ADMINISTER THE OATH.

AFTER YOU ADMINISTER THE OATH AND CONGRATULATE BENDER, SR. CHIEF BROWN WILL PRESENT FLOWERS TO BENDER'S MOTHER AND WIFE. TO FACILITATE THIS, YOU MAY WANT TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE, "TO THANK HIS WIFE AND MOTHER FOR THEIR SUPPORT, SR. CHIEF BENDER HAS A TOKEN HE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO HIS MOTHER AND HIS WIFE."

**"RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND REPEAT AFTER ME, I,
KENNETH E. BENDER, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM)**

**THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE UNITED STATES AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND
DOMESTIC,**

**THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE
SAME,**

**AND THAT I WILL OBEY THE ORDERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES AND THE ORDERS OF THE OFFICERS
APPOINTED OVER ME,**

**ACCORDING TO REGULATION AND THE UNIFORM CODE OF
MILITARY JUSTICE. SO HELP ME GOD.**

**I SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I AM FULLY AWARE AND FULLY
UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH I AM ENLISTING.**