**CAKE CUTTING SCRIPT**

The following are three separate and slightly different cake cutting scripts. There does not appear to be a set in stone script.

**EXAMPLE #1**

It is customary at Navy birthday celebrations worldwide to cut a traditional cake in celebration of the birth of our Navy.

The first piece of cake is given to our guest of honor,

 *NAME*  .

The second to the oldest Sailor present. *NAME*  . He/she was born on *DATE* and enlisted in the Navy on

 *DATE* .

Upon receiving the second piece of cake, the oldest Sailor will in turn pass it on to the youngest Sailor present signifying the passing of experience and knowledge from the old to the young of our Navy. *NAME*  was born on *DATE* and enlisted in the Navy on  *DATE* .

**EXAMPLE #2**

The Navy’s birthday cake-cutting ceremony is important to all Sailors, as it is an annual renewal of each Sailor’s commitment to the Navy . . . and the Navy’s commitment to our nation’s quest for peace and freedom worldwide.

The birthday cake is traditionally cut with a sword, as a reminder that we are a band of warriors, committed to carrying arms so that our nation may live in peace.

As is our custom, the first piece of cake will be presented to our guest of honor. *NAME*  .

By tradition, the second piece of cake is presented to the oldest Sailor present.

Ladies and Gentlemen . . . the oldest Sailor present is

 *NAME*  and was born \_\_\_\_*DATE*\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The third piece of cake is presented to the youngest Sailor present.

Ladies and Gentlemen . . . The youngest Sailor present is

 *NAME*  and was born \_\_\_\_*DATE*\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**EXAMPLE #3**

Traditionally – Regardless of location – Sailors pause to observe our birthday by sharing a cake and usually, a holiday meal. A sword is used to cut the cake as a reminder that we are a band of warriors, committed to carrying arms so that our nation may live in peace.

The first piece of cake is presented to the Guest of Honor.

The second piece is presented to the oldest Sailor in the command, signifying the honor and respect accorded to experience and seniority. The oldest Sailor this evening is *NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*, who was born \_\_\_\_*DATE*\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Symbolically, the eldest Sailor present passes a piece of cake to the youngest Sailor present, just as for years our experienced Sailors have nurtured and led young Sailors that will fill our ranks and renew our Navy.

The youngest Sailor present this evening is *NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*, who was born \_\_\_\_*DATE*\_\_\_\_\_\_.