



To The Deckplates



Talking Points on Issues Relevant to the Navy's Chiefs Mess

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“Every Chief in the Navy should pause a moment to reflect on the strong legacy of leadership our Mess is founded on. This is a time to re-affirm our commitment to our Navy, our Sailors and each other.”

--MCPON (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa, Jr.

- Our birthday must be recognized and commemorated by all Chiefs, active and retired.
- Our Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles were forged in a tradition of Deckplate Leadership and in the legacy of those Chiefs who came before us.
- Those Principles are time-honored and have been the trademarks of our Mess since 1893.
- Through your dedication to Sailors and to our Navy, you are keeping our heritage alive as the soul of our service and the conscience of our Mess.
- While our birthday is only fully appreciated by those of us who wear the Anchors, it should be brought to the attention of your entire crew. Make them aware of the pride you feel in being a Chief.
- Use this time to determine whether you are living up to the standards of those who went before us. Continue to measure your success by the success of those you lead

“We must continue to press forward. Look at your Sailors today and you’ll know how you stand as a Chief and the impact you have on your command. It is through this lens that we can only truly see how successful we are as a Mess.”