OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5060.27

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: FULL HONORS CEREMONIES FOR CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS COUNTERPARTS

1. Purpose. To advise flag-level tenant commands at the Washington Navy Yard, DC, of their responsibility to provide audience support for full honors ceremonies for the Chief of Naval Operations’ (CNO) foreign counterparts on a rotational basis.

2. Background

   a. The CNO occasionally invites counterparts to visit installations and activities in the United States. During these visits, a full honors ceremony is held at either Admiral Leutze Park or the Navy Museum on the Washington Navy Yard. Traditionally, ceremony guests have included the spouse, visiting staff, embassy representatives, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) leadership, and Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students from local schools. Each ceremony is a historic event and demonstrates the commitment, pride, and respect of the Nation and the Navy to friends and allies.

   b. The ceremonies are typically scheduled several months in advance to alleviate scheduling conflicts. They usually begin at 0900 (with guests seated by 0840) and last approximately 30 minutes. During the ceremony, the attending flag-level tenant command will be recognized.

3. Rotation. The flag-level tenant commands, in order of rotation, are:

   a. Naval District Washington (NDW)

   b. Naval Inspector General (with OPNAV support)

   c. Naval Sea Systems Command
d. Judge Advocate General (with Region Legal Service Office NDW support)

e. Navy Installations Command

f. Naval Facilities Engineering Command

g. Strategic Systems Programs

4. Responsibilities

a. NDW’s director of ceremonies and special events must:

   (1) Maintain the rotation schedule.

   (2) Notify the assigned flag-level command of their obligation to provide audience support for a ceremony as far in advance as possible.

   (3) Provide information on ceremony location, appropriate attire and uniforms, report times, and any other pertinent information.

b. Depending on the ceremony location, the assigned flag-level command will provide either 30 or 55 personnel to attend the ceremony; 30 for the Navy Museum and 55 for Leutze Park. The attendees may consist of any combination of officer, enlisted, and/or civilian personnel.

5. Action. Upon notification of an official visit by one of CNO’s foreign counterparts, NDW’s director of ceremonies and special events and the assigned command will carry out their responsibilities as described in this instruction.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per SECNAV Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

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