



## Lesson 2

# Chief Petty Officer Selectee Leadership Course

CPPD-LEAD09-004

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- Sense of Heritage



# Objectives

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- Explain the origin of the Sailor's Creed and how it applies to the role of the Chief Petty Officer.
- State the importance of a sense of heritage.
- Describe the history and traditions of the Chief Petty Officer.
- Explain how a sense of heritage influences you as a leader.
- Identify ways to promote command history and heritage.



# Sense of Heritage

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- Defines our past and guides our future.  
Chiefs will use heritage to connect Sailors to their past, teach values, and enhance pride-in-service to our country.



# Sailor's Creed

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I am a United States Sailor.

I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me.

I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world.



# Sailor's Creed

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I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.



# Origins of the Sailor's Creed

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- 1993: Blue-ribbon recruit training panel created Sailor's Creed
- 1994: CNO ADM Jeremy Boorda replaced the word "bluejacket" with "Navy"
- 1997: Wording changed from "my superiors" to "those appointed over me"



# Sailor's Creed and the Navy Core Values

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- Purpose: To understand the relationship between the Sailor's Creed and Navy Core Values
- Instructions:
  1. As a group, discuss how the Sailor's Creed reflects the Navy Core Values.
  2. As a Chief, how will you ensure that your Sailors live up to the expectations of the Sailor's Creed?





# Naval Heritage

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- U.S. Navy history is a continuum of success, customs, traditions, and memories. Past heroes help today's Sailor identify with the Navy Core Values. Heritage binds us to the past and, at the same time, lends an air of dignity and respect to the modern Navy.



# History and Traditions

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“In the United States Navy, the title ‘Chief Petty Officer’ carries with it responsibilities and privileges no other armed force in the world grants enlisted people. These responsibilities and privileges exist because for 100 years, Chiefs have routinely sought out greater challenges and assumed more responsibility.”

– CNO ADM Frank B. Kelso II on the 100th anniversary  
of the creation of the rank of CPO, 01 April 1993



# What Does Heritage Mean to You?

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Purpose: To discuss what a sense of heritage means to you as a Chief Petty Officer (CPO)

- Instructions:
  1. Individually, consider what heritage means to you.
  2. As a group, discuss your thoughts on heritage.
  3. As a group, discuss why heritage is important.



# History and Traditions

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- Establishment of the rank of CPO
- CPO Charge Book
- USS CHIEF (MCM 14)
- CPOSF



# Traditions and Leadership

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Purpose: To discuss CPOs as holders of traditions

- Instructions:
  1. As a group, brainstorm some traditions; capture answers on chart pack paper.
  2. As a group, discuss why CPOs are the holders of the traditions.
  3. As a group, discuss how these traditions will guide you as leaders.



# Heritage as a Leader

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Purpose: To maintain and demonstrate heritage

- Instructions:
  1. Individually, think about how you, as a CPO, will demonstrate and maintain heritage within your command.
  2. As a group, share your commitment to the command's traditions.



# All Hands

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- The Finest Man I Ever Knew  
– Peter Tomich 1943



# Knowledge Check

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- When was the Sailor's Creed written?
- What are two ways it applies to your role as a CPO?
- Why is heritage important?
- When was the CPO rank established?
- What are two ways heritage influences you as a leader?
- What are two examples of how you will promote command history/heritage?





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# Summary

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