Dear Chief Select,

Congratulations as you prepare to join one of the finest institutions in the world, the United States Navy Chief Petty Officer Mess. By institution, I do not mean a special space, collar device, or set of traditions, but the sum of efforts and actions undertaken by our Chiefs every day to make our Navy the most exceptional fighting force in the world.

Most everyone will agree that 2020 was one of the most challenging years in recent history, but our CPO Mess adapted and led our force in a very dynamic environment. It’s the daily acts of leading, mentoring, training and caring for our Sailors that make the CPO Mess so vital to our Navy’s success. As “The Chief” your actions influence and mold those in your charge. Your professionalism, motivation and character will directly form our force for years to come and that should not be taken lightly.

As your scope of responsibility increases, your leadership and expertise will continue to grow. The strength of the Chief Petty Officer Mess is essential to ensuring we always maintain the highest level of readiness in our Navy’s most important weapons system – Our Sailors. I am confident that you will meet this challenge with humility and determination.

Sincerely,

M. M. GILDAY
Admiral, U.S. Navy