

**Seaman**

Jun 17, 1999 - Oct 14, 1999



**Mess Management Specialist  
Seaman**

Oct 15, 1999 - Jun 30, 1999



**Mess Management Specialist  
Third Class Petty Officer**

Jul 1, 1999 - Oct 1, 2002



**Culinary Specialist  
Second Class Petty Officer**

Oct 2, 2002 - Jul 13, 2005

**Culinary Specialist  
First Class Petty Officer**

Jul 14, 2005 - Sep 15, 2008



**Culinary Specialist  
Chief Petty Officer**

Sep 16, 2008 - Dec 31, 2009



**Ensign  
Supply Corps, USN**  
Jan 1, 2010



# Commissioning Ceremony

in honor of

**Chief Culinary Specialist  
(Submarines)  
Melvin Earl Lacey Jr.**



The Navy Museum  
Washington Navy Yard  
December 17, 2009



# Schedule of Events

*Official Party arrives*

*National Anthem*

*Mrs. Valerie Mitchell*

*Invocation*

*Bishop Kim Brown*

*Welcoming Remarks*

*LCDR Antonio Ting*

*Removal of Chief's Coat and Cover*

*CMD CM Dennie Moore*

*CSCM Michael Carter*

*CSCS Bridgette Edwards*

*Presentation of Anchors*

*CS1 Anthony Naranjo*



# Thank You

*" Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us-they help us learn to endure. And endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation. And this expectation will not disappoint us. "*

*Romans 5:1-5a.*

*" From the fruit of his words a man shall be satisfied with good, and the work of a man's hands shall come back to him[ as a harvest]. Fools think they need no advice, but the wise listen to others. A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stay calm when insulted. "*

*Proverbs 12:14-16*

*" I would like to give thanks to God, my family, friends, pastor and church family, and the sailors for supporting me through my career. This was not done alone because it was the support of each one of you, that we are here today. I'm eternally grateful to you all. May God bless you and your family. "*

*Mel Lacey*



# What is a Mustang?



In the Navy, a Mustang is an Officer who has promoted up from the ranks of Navy enlisted personnel through an in-service procurement program, with no interruption of his/her active duty status. It is also understood that the Mustang Officer was a career Sailor, and normally wears one or more Good Conduct Medals. Thus, the Navy Mustang is either a Navy Limited Duty Officers (LDO), a Chief Warrant Officers (CWO), or commissioned through the Direct Fleet Accession, Seaman to Admiral (STA) program, or through the Enlisted Commissioning Program. In the past, there were other programs leading to a commission, such as NESEP, or the Naval Flight Officer program, but these have since gone away. LDO's and CWO's are a very unique part of the Naval service. The LDO or CWO serves in a role like no other commissioned officer can. LDOs and CWOs are enlisted people who are commissioned as Officers, and have been called to serve from their senior enlisted ranks as technical managers. An LDO or CWO has the necessary experience and technical background to perform tasks that call for the "officer" rank and protocol to carry out, but require the enlisted heart and experience to get accomplished. Currently, the US Navy and Marine Corps are the only branches of the armed forces to have such commissioning programs in place. The term "Mustang" is a relatively modern term, originating either just prior to, or during World War II. It is believed to be a Sea Service term, although other service officers are beginning to be described as Mustangs.

It literally refers to the mustang horse, which is a wild animal and therefore not a thoroughbred. A mustang, after being captured, can be tamed and saddle broken but it always has a bit of wild streak, and can periodically revert to its old ways unexpectedly and therefore the owner needs to keep an eye on it at all times. By the same token, however, since a mustang was formerly a wild and free animal, it may very well be smarter, more capable and have a better survival instinct than thoroughbreds. The mustang can take care of itself when things get tough, thriving on rough treatment, while the thoroughbred, having been pampered its whole life, cannot.

You can easily see the parallel between horses and Naval Officers. The term "Mustang" is used in a complimentary sense most of the time.

Another accounting for the term "Mustang" is derived from the US Naval Academy where the term "Mustang" was initially used by USNA grads as an insult to the "lower class" of prior enlisted officers. They considered themselves as thoroughbreds and, meaning to insult, called our honored predecessors, "Mustangs" because we were less than pure. Like "Yankee" the slur stuck and soon became a badge of honor.

An LDO or CWO is an officer by appearance and in the minds of the "top brass," and an enlisted technician at heart. The creed of the LDO/CWO, upon receiving their commission is: "I did it the hard way... I earned it."



## Schedule of Events cont.

### *Commissioning Oath*

*VADM Anthony Winns*

### *Donning of Supply Officer coat*

*Mr. Melvin Lacey Sr.*

*Mr. Bruce Turner*

*Mr. Bernard Lacey*

### *Donning of Combination Cover*

*Mrs. Pamela Turner*

### *First Salute*

*CS2 Arthur Johnson*

### *Remarks*

*ENS Melvin Lacey Jr.*

### *Benediction*

*Bishop Kim Brown*

### *Reception*

*(M/C)*



**CSC(SS) Melvin E. Lacey Jr.**  
*United States Navy*

Chief Culinary Specialist Melvin E. Lacey Jr. was born in Salinas, CA and is a native of Austell, GA.

He enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program in the summer of 1998 and attended Recruit Training Camp in June 1999 in Great Lakes, IL. After graduation, he attended Culinary Specialist "A" School in San Antonio, TX where he was meritoriously advanced to Culinary Specialist Third Class. After "A" School, Chief Lacey volunteered for the submarine force and continued onto Submarine School in Groton, CT.

His first assignment was onboard USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) homeported in Groton, CT. In June 2000, he went on his first six month North Atlantic deployment vital to our nation's security. Chief Lacey qualified Submarines, Galley and Pantry Watch Captain, Petty Officer of the Deck, and Below Decks.

In January 2002, Chief Lacey continued his naval career onboard USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738(G)). He was advanced to Petty Officer Second Class in September 2002. In 2002, 2003, and 2004 the USS MARYLAND received Supply Blue "E" award from CSS-20. In 2003, he played a vital role when the USS MARYLAND Crab Café received the Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Award. In 2005, Chief Lacey was meritoriously advanced to Petty Officer First Class under the Command Advancement Program. Chief Lacey worked as Galley and Pantry Watch Captain, Night Baker, and Records Keeper for five Strategic Deterrent Patrols while onboard.



## LDO Transition Creed

YOU HAVE THIS DAY EXPERIENCED THAT, WHICH COMES TO MANY OF US WHO SERVED AS A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN OUR NAVY. I SAY "OUR NAVY" BECAUSE YOUR DEPARTURE FROM THE FRATERNITY OF THE CHIEF IN NO WAY TERMINATES OUR RELATIONSHIP, OUR REGARDS, OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE SERVICE, AND OUR FELLOW CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS.

THE RESPECT THAT YOU EARNED AS "THE CHIEF" WAS BASED IN THE SAME ATTRIBUTES THAT YOU WILL CARRY INTO YOUR LEADERSHIP ROLE AS A NAVAL OFFICER. HAVE NO REGRETS. WE VIEW YOUR COMMISSIONING ORDERS NOT AS AN END TO AN ERA, BUT AS ORDERS TO A NEW CHALLENGING ASSIGNMENT. REMEMBER WELL THAT YOU HAVE BEEN, AND ALWAYS WILL BE AN ACCEPTED MEMBER OF THE MOST EXCLUSIVE OF ALL MARITIME FRATERNITIES – THAT OF A "UNITED STATES NAVY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER."







# The Chief Petty Officer's Pledge

**I'M A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY...**

I serve my country and her people with pride and honor.

I seek no special favors.

I make things happen, and do the best I can do.

I am charged with a leadership role like no other in the world.

I develop Junior Officers and mold my Sailors.

I acknowledge full responsibility for the actions of my Sailors...

Because these Sailors are the seeds of future Chief Petty Officers.

I live by the Navy's core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

I set the example.

I establish the standards of performance.

My Sailors are students and I am their teacher.

I guide and influence the lives of these young men and women.

In the final analysis, I will determine the quality of these Sailors.

They look up to me because I treat them with dignity and respect.

Because they need a leader, I am there for them. After all...

**I AM A CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY...**



In July 2005 Chief Lacey reported to the Presidential Food Service in Washington, D.C. He spent two years working in the Navy Mess as Kitchen Supervisor, Dining Room Supervisor, and Night Supervisor and continued onto become the Logistics Department Leading Chief Petty Officer.

Chief Lacey was also a member of the Presidential Travel team, he worked with US Secret Service providing food service and security to the President, senior White House Staff members, and the First Family both domestically and internationally. He was selected as the 2006 Senior Sailor of the Year. In September 2008, he was advanced to Chief Petty Officer. Chief Lacey was hand selected for the Continuity of Government Team and was a member of the 58th Presidential Inauguration of President Barack Obama in January 2009. In February 2009, he was selected as a Supply Corps Limited Duty Officer.

Chief Lacey has earned three Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and three Good Conduct medals. He is a Master Certified Food Executive, Certified Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points Manager, Certified Professional Food Manager, and US Department of Labor Household Manager and Housekeeper.

He holds an Associate's Degree in Food Service Management from Coastline Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Management from National-Louis University.

He is the son of Pamela and Bruce Turner of Austell, GA and Melvin Lacey Sr. of Little Rock, AR. Chief Lacey is the oldest of four brothers and two sisters.



**Vice Admiral Anthony L. Winns**  
*Naval Inspector General*

Vice Admiral Anthony L. Winns is a distinguished graduate of the United States Naval Academy class of 1978.

A naval flight officer and P-3 Aviator, Winns served in a variety of training and operational squadrons to include VP-31, VP-6, VP-30, and VP-56. He also served aboard the USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) and as the Executive Officer of the USS GUAM (LPH-9).

Vice Admiral Winns commanded VP-11, USS ESSEX (LHD-2), and Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, Pacific and Commander Task Force 32.

In May 2000, Vice Admiral Winns became the first officer in his Naval Academy class to select for Flag Rank. He has since served on the Chief of Naval Operations Staff (N78), and on the Joint Staff as Vice Director of Operations, J-3. He assumed his current duties as the Naval Inspector General in November 2007.

In addition to the Bachelor of Science degree earned at the Naval Academy. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Financial Management and is a distinguished graduate of the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA. Winns is also a recent graduate of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Vice Admiral Winns military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), the Navy Achievement Medal and various unit, campaign and service awards.



**LCDR Antonio C. Ting**  
*Director, Presidential Food Service*

Lieutenant Commander Antonio C. Ting is the Director, Presidential Food Service of the White House Military Office.

His role is to provide worldwide food service and personalized support to the President ensuring food and beverage safety, security, sanitation and fitness for consumption; responsible for the security, inspection, safe preparation and distribution of food and beverages delivered to the Executive Office of the President and designated for consumption by the President, First family, staff and guests;

manage dining rooms, stores and material ensuring the Office of the President is represented in a Presidential manner; provide luncheon facilities and catering for senior White House staff and other key military and civilian personnel enabling them to remain within the White House compound. Prior to that, LCDR Ting was the Supply Director of Naval Special Warfare Development Group (DEVGRU).

As an Enlisted Sailor, LCDR Ting served onboard USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) and made five major deployments including the Desert Shield / Desert Storm Campaign. He then transferred to Naval Amphibious Base (NAB), Coronado, CA and was selected as the 1994 NAB Coronado and COMNAVSURFPAC Sailor of the Year From NAB Coronado,.

LCDR Ting received orders to USS HARPERS FERRY (LSD 49) where he made Chief and became a plank owner. He then later transferred to USS CAPE COD (AD 43) and was onboard during its decommissioning in 1996 and headed to Naval Air Facility Adak, Alaska (NAF Adak).

After a year onboard NAF Adak, he reported to Afloat Training Group Pacific San Diego where he was selected for Commissioning under the Limited Duty Officer Program. Upon his Commission, LCDR Ting attended the Navy Supply Corps School. He received his first orders as a Naval Officer to USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) in Yokosuka, Japan.

LCDR Ting continued his career as the Supply Department Head of Naval Oceana Processing Facility in Dam Neck, VA. From there he reported to USNS SIRIUS (TAFS 8) in Norfolk, VA as the Assistant Officer-in-charge and later took over as the Officer-in-Charge of the military detachment then continued onto the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) as the Stock Control Officer.

LCDR Ting attended the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy and Systems Technology Institute in the Philippines. He is also a graduate of LaSalle University. He holds a BS in Public Health, a Masters Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Environmental Management and a Masters Degree in Public Administration. LCDR Ting decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (7 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (10 awards), he is also the recipient of the 1999 Admiral William F. Bringle Inspirational Leadership Award and the 2006 Theodore Roosevelt Association Junior Officer Leadership Award.

LCDR Ting is married to the former Joycylene Beltran and blessed with a son, Timothy John. LCDR Ting remains thankful and truly believes that the mighty grace of God has guided his military career.