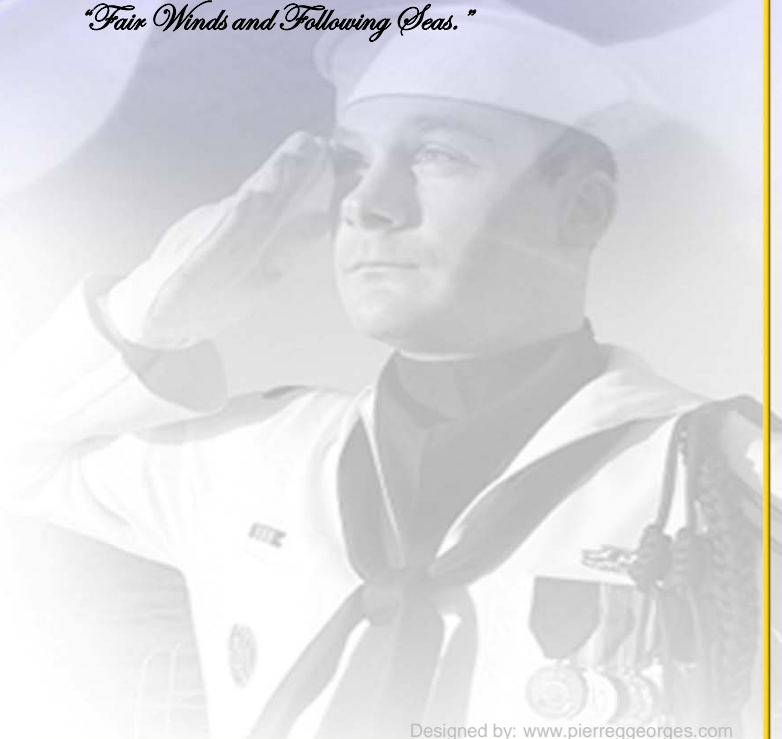


# Retirement Creed

*A final salute to you on the occasion of your retirement from active duty in the United States Navy. In retirement, as on active duty, you will continue to be a member of the U.S. Navy family. You have helped preserve the freedom you, your fellow countrymen, and others throughout the free world will continue to enjoy in the future. You served with pride and distinction in the most powerful Navy the world has ever known. You have the right to say, "I served my country with pride." President John F. Kennedy may have said it best: "What you have chosen to do for your country by devoting your life to the service of your country is the greatest contribution anyone could make." As your distinguished active duty career draws to a close, those who have served with you, past and present, wish you the traditional "Fair Winds and Following Seas."*



Designed by: [www.pierreggeorges.com](http://www.pierreggeorges.com)

# Retirement Ceremony

in honor of

CULINARY SPECIALIST FIRST CLASS  
SURFACE WARFARE / AVIATION WARFARE  
GERALD MONTANO

USS CAMDEN AOE 2

USS TRUXTUN CGN-35

USS KINKAID DD-965

USS FLETCHER DD-992



October 30, 2009

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave  
Washington, DC



# The Sailor's Creed

*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.*

*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.*

*I am a United States Sailor!*

# Sequence of Events

*Arrival of Official Party*

*National Anthem*

*?*

*Invocation*

*Chaplain, CDR Kieran Mandato*

*Presentation of Awards and Gifts  
CS2(SW/AV) Steven Horn*

*Guest Speaker*

*LCDR Antonio C. Ting*

*Honored Guest Remarks  
Howard A. Greenseth*

*Presentation of "Old Glory"*

*CS1(SW/AV) Anthony Naranjo*

*Reading of "The Petty Officer's Retirement Creed"*

*CS1(SW) Rosanna McAnaw*

*Presentation of "The Watch"*

*CS1(SW/AV) Anthony Naranjo*

*Benediction by*

*Chaplain, CDR Kieran Mandato*

*Piping Ashore*





# Old Glory

I am the flag of the United States of America. My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.

I stand watch in America's halls of justice.

I fly majestically over great institutions of learning.

I stand guard with the greatest military power in the world. Look up! And you will see.

Seaman Recruit- June 9, 1987

I stand for Peace, Honor, Truth and Justice.

I stand for freedom. I am confident, I am arrogant, I am proud. When I am flown with fellow banners, my head is higher, my colors are truer. I bow to no one. I am recognized the world over, I am worshipped, I am loved, and I am feared.

Fireman Apprentice- December 9, 1987

For more than two hundred years I have fought in every battle of every war, Gettysburg, Shiloh, Appomattox, San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome, The Beaches of Normandy. I have fought in the jungles of Guam, Okinawa, Tarawa, Korea, Vietnam, The Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and a score of the other places, some battles long forgotten by all, but those who were there with me. I WAS THERE!

Fireman- February 16, 1989

I was on a small hill in Iwo Jima with my Sailors and Marines. I led them; I watched over them and I fought with them. When I was raised in victory I was dirty, battle torn and tired, but my Sailors and Marines cheered me, they loved me, I was proud.

Third Class Petty Officer- May 16, 1990

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries that I have helped set free. It does not hurt, for I am invincible.

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my own country. And when this happens to me by those whom I have served with in battle, it hurts deeply. But I overcome because I am strong.

Second Class Petty Officer- July 1, 1996

I have slipped the bonds of earth, and from my vantage point on the moon, I stand watch over the uncharted new frontiers of space. I have been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours. But my finest hour comes when I am torn into strips to be used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the fields of battle - when I fly at half mast to honor my Soldiers, my Sailors, my Airmen, my Marines - or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother, father, wife, son, daughter or any loved one at the graveside of a fallen military member.

First Class Petty Officer- June 18, 2003

I am the Flag of the United States of America

My name is "OLD GLORY" Long may I wave, dear God, long may I wave.



**Culinary Specialist First Class**  
**Surface Warfare / Air Warfare**  
**Gerald Montano**  
*United States Navy*



Petty Officer First Class Gerald Montano was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona. He attended Salpointe Catholic High School for his freshman year and completed his high school education at Tucson High School, graduating in 1986. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in March of 1987 and entered recruit training in June 1987 at San Diego California Recruit Training Command. He then reported to Great Lakes Naval Training Center and attended Boiler Technician "A" School and upon completion of A School, in November 1987, he was assigned to his first ship, USS Camden AOE-2, in December 1987 Boilers Division, home ported at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington. He completed two deployments, in 1989 and Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

In January 1990 he was promoted to Third Class Petty Officer. In 1992 he changed his rate to Mess Management Specialist. He departed the USS Camden in April 1992 and attended Mess Management Specialist "A" School at San Diego, Ca. Upon graduation in June 1992 he was assigned shore duty at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Evergreen Inn Dining Facility, and served as Watch Captain and Jack of the Dust Food Service Bulk Food Storeroom Keeper from August 1992 to October 1994. In November 1994 he was assigned to the USS Truxtun CGN-35 to October 1995 and served until the ship was decommissioned at Bremerton, WA. in September 1995. In October 1995 he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy.

In November 1995 he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserves at the Naval and Marine Corp Reserve Center, Phoenix, Arizona and served until April 1998. He was assigned to the MASC 1 (Mobile Ammunition Support Component). He was promoted to Second Class Petty Officer in 1996 in the Reserves. In April 1998 he returned to Active Duty, enlisting in the U.S. Naval Reserves as a Reserve Recruiter, and served at the Naval and Marine Corp Reserve Center, Phoenix, Arizona. In September 1999 he returned to Active Duty with the US Navy assigned to the USS Kinkaid DD-965, in San Diego California. In a span of 4 years from 1999-2003 In April 2001 USS Kinkaid departed for a 6 Month Deployment to the Persian Gulf. In September 2001 arriving in San Diego from the Deployment His duties included Watch Captain, Ward Room Supervisor and Supervisor of the dry provisions storerooms. He was a crew member of the decommissioning ship USS Kinkaid at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Naval Station, San Diego, California in January 2003.

In January 2003 making Naval History he served in the U.S. Navy's first destroyer crew sea swap. Officers and crew of Team Kinkaid flew to Perth, Australia to relieve ship's crew of the USS Fletcher DD-992 for a six month deployment in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf. During that time Operation Iraqi Freedom started and USS Fletcher with Team Kinkaid onboard patrolled the Red Sea and launched 16 Tomahawk Cruise Missiles into Iraq. During that Deployment he was promoted to Petty Officer First Class. In August 2003 he was assigned to the USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74), home ported at North Island, Coronado, California. In 2004, He served as Galley Watch Captain and Cargo Leading Petty Officer for food provisions involving twelve dry, chilled and frozen storage facilities. In 2004, the USS John C. Stennis won the Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Award for Food Service Excellence for carriers operating in the Pacific. And also in 2004 he completed his 6<sup>th</sup> Deployment. He attended a one week culinary seminar at the San Diego Culinary Institute.

In January 2005 USS John C. Stennis departed for its new Homeport of Bremerton, Washington where it went in for a 10 month overhaul dry-dock period, extensive overhaul work of the Galley and Dry provisions Storerooms was completed. In April of 2005, Petty Officer Montano received Orders to the USS John Paul Jones to report back to San Diego California. In April 2005 of that same year, he was asked by the Food Service Officer of the USS John C. Stennis to interview for Presidential Food Service in which he did and in December of 2005 he was accepted for duty.

In February 2006, he departed USS John C. Stennis, and in April of 2006 he reported to Presidential Food Service, the White House Washington D.C where he spent two years in the Kitchen and One year in the Logistics Department. In January 2007 Petty Officer Montano was selected as the White House Sailor of the Year. Among other duties included at the White House he was Leading Petty Officer for the Kitchen and Logistics Departments and was a member of the Presidential Travel Team. In April 2007 he was selected and assigned to President George W. Bush, Ranch in Crawford, Texas till January 2009. Petty Officer Montano continues to serve at the White House Presidential Food Service till his Retirement in October 2009.

Petty Officer Montano has been awarded the following decorations. Presidential Service Badge, Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Pin, Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist Pin, Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense with Star Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia with Star Service Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (5<sup>th</sup> Award), Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (2<sup>nd</sup> Award) Global War on Terror Service Medal, Navy Battle E Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal Emirate of Kuwait Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, (6<sup>th</sup> Award) United States Coast Guard Special Operation Service Ribbon. Petty Officer Montano has received various Achievement Awards and Certificates. Petty Officer (SW/AW) Gerald Montano is the son of Armando F. Montano & Delia R. Berni of Tucson, Arizona.





**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 Joyciline 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.



**Mr. Howard Greenseth**

Howard Greenseth was born in Superior, Wisconsin in 1933. His early education took place in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He was drafted during the Korean War and served at various duty stations including the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Riley Kansas, the 6th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California the 7000<sup>th</sup> Medical Detachment, FT. Myer, Washington DC, Pentagon. Finishing up further education at the University of Wisconsin at Madison he began a 28 year career at the University of Arizona at Tucson as a Business Manager for International Research Programs.

On retirement from the University of Arizona he became Vice President for Oasis Systems International Corporation overseeing the administration of various projects around the world with the emphasis on the Middle East. He has traveled extensively on six continents. He has always had an interest in railroad history and among other projects directed the restoration of a Southern Pacific Railroad Locomotive and its move to the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, of which he served as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

He is currently working on a book covering his Grandfathers service as an officer, during WW I , with the U.S. Army Expeditionary Force (U.S. Army Railway Corps) with service in Russia and China. The book will also cover the service of an Uncle as an engineering officer with the U.S. Army (WWII) and his service of General George Patton 's campaign across Europe.

He has served on the board of directors of various foundations and associations and currently serves as a consultant on the management of international research projects and on the City of Tucson task forces and committees. He calls Tucson, Arizona his home for over fifty years.

# History of Assignments

**JUNE 1987 AUG 1987 RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND**

**SAN DIEGO CA**

USS CAMDEN AOE 2

**AUG 1987 NOV 1987 SERVICE SCHOOL COMMAND**

**GREAT LAKES IL**

**DEC 1987 APR 1992 USS CAMDEN AOE 2**

**BREMERTON WA**

**APR 1992 JUL 1992 MS"A" SCHOOL**

**SAN DIEGO CA**

**AUG 1992 NOV 1994 PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD**

**BREMERTON WA**

**NOV 1994 OCT 1995 USS TRUXTUN CGN 35**

**BREMERTON WA**

**NOV 1995 APR 1998 MOBILE AMMUNITION SUPPORT  
COMPONENT MASC DET 1 NAVAL AND MARINE CORP RESERVE  
CENTER PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

**ASSIGNED TO SEAL BEACH CALIFORNIA.**

**APR 1998 SEP 1999 NAVAL RESERVE RECRUITING COMMAND  
ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA**

**ASSIGNED TO NAVAL AND MARINE CORP RESERVE CENTER PHOENIX,  
ARIZONA.**

**SEP 1999 JAN 2003 USS KINKAID DD 965**

**SAN DIEGO CA**

**JAN 2003 JUL 2003 USS FLETCHER DD 992**

**OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM**

**AUG 2003 FEB 2006 USS JOHN C. STENNIS CVN 74**

**SAN DIEGO CA AND BREMERTON WA**

**MAR 2006 OCT 2009 PRESIDENTIAL FOOD SERVICE**

**THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC**

