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COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN INSTRUCTION 5400.7E

From: Commandant of Midshipmen, U.S. Naval Academy

Subj: BELL RINGING CEREMONIES

Encl: (1) Fall Bell Ringing Script Example
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1. Purpose. To provide instructional guidelines for Bell Ringing Ceremonies.
2. Cancellation. COMDTMIDNINST 5400.7D.
3. Scope and Applicability. All personnel assigned to the Commandant of Midshipmen Cost Center shall familiarize themselves with the Bell Ringing Ceremony guidance listed in this instruction.
4. Background. Bell Ringing Ceremonies are a U.S. Naval Academy tradition. These ceremonies celebrate victories over Army.
5. Ceremonies. The following are guidelines for the various Bell Ringing Ceremonies:
 - a. Following a Varsity Football victory over Army
 - (1) Once a victory over Army in football is known, the midshipmen left behind, under the direction of the Officer of the Watch (OOW), will be tasked to ring the Enterprise bell once every hour on the hour until 2000 on the Sunday following the game. The bell will be rung the number of times equal to the number of points by which Navy wins.
 - (2) Bell Ringing will be secured during religious services from 0900 to 1200 on Sunday.
 - b. Fall Season Sports
 - (1) When Navy defeats Army in any varsity N* contest during the Fall season, the Brigade conducts a bell ringing ceremony using the Japanese Bell and the Enterprise Bell in Tecumseh Court the Monday following the Army/Navy Football Game in lieu of noon meal formation. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be rescheduled for later in the week or second semester.

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(2) Army/Navy Football Victory

(a) At the bell ringing ceremony, the Japanese Bell will be rung the number of times equal to the number of points by which football defeated Army (e.g., Navy wins 31-28, the bell is rung three times per person). It will be rung by the following people in the order listed:

1. Football Team Captain(s)
2. Head Coach
3. Superintendent
4. Commandant
5. Athletic Director
6. Each football team member (One time each)

(3) All other Fall/Winter/Spring Sports Victories

(a) Each of the following will ring the Enterprise Bell the number of varsity season victories over Army in the following order:

1. All Victorious Team Captains
2. All Victorious Coaches
3. Superintendent
4. Commandant
5. Athletic Director
6. Victorious Team Members
7. Members of the Brigade

(b) The Enterprise Bell will remain open until evening colors that day for all members of the Naval Academy Family to ring.

c. Winter/Spring Season Sports. A Winter/Spring bell ringing ceremony will be held to commemorate victories over Army upon completion of the last Army/Navy competition but no later than the week prior to Commissioning Week. The ceremony will include any varsity sport that defeated Army that did not participate in the fall season ceremony.

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6. Action. All ceremonies will be facilitated by the Midshipmen Activities Officer and coordinated by the Brigade's Midshipman Operations Officer.

7. Records Management. Records created as a result of this notice, regardless of media or format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

8. Review and Effective Date. The Midshipmen Activities Officer will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of the effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will automatically expire five years after the effective date unless reissued or otherwise canceled prior to the five-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.



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Fall Bell Ringing Ceremony Script Example

Designated Master of Ceremonies (MC) will recite the following:

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Fall Semester Bell Ringing Ceremony.

The Academy's Victory Bells, flanking Bancroft's steps, are the Enterprise Bell to the left and a replica of the Japanese Bell on the right. The Enterprise Bell, from the carrier USS ENTERPRISE, was brought to the academy in 1950. The Japanese Bell is a 600-year-old relic presented in commemoration of Commodore Perry's voyage of 1853 that opened Japan to commerce. It was given to him by the Regent of the Liu Chu Islands (now called the Ryukyus, which include Okinawa). The fall bell ringing ceremony is being held today to commemorate the 3 N* victories over Army this fall.

The following # Varsity teams have beaten Army this semester: Men's Swimming and Diving, Women's Swimming and Diving, and Football. Varsity Football will begin the ceremony by ringing the Japanese Bell the number of times equal to the amount of points by which we defeated Army. This year Navy won by (Number). The Japanese Bell will be rung in the following order: Team Captains, Head Coach, the Superintendent, the Commandant, and then the Athletic Director.

First to ring the bell will be the Team Captains: (Midshipman First and Last Name) and (Midshipman First and Last Name). The Head Coach, Ken Niumatalolo will now ring the bell.

Next to ring the bell is the #XX Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, (Rank First and Last Name), United States Navy.

Next to ring the bell is the #XX Commandant of Midshipmen, (Rank First and Last Name), United States Navy.

Next to ring the bell is the Athletic Director, (First and Last Name).

I now invite members of the Football team to each ring the bell once.

The Enterprise Bell will now be rung three times each in similar order by the following victorious teams: Men's Swimming and Diving, Women's Swimming and Diving, and Football. I now invite (Midshipman First and Last Name), Men's Swimming and Diving, (Midshipman First and Last Name), Women's Swimming and Diving, (Midshipman First and Last Name) and (Midshipman First and Last Name), Football.

Next to ring the bell three times each will be the Coaches from the victorious teams. I now invite Coach, Men's Swimming and Diving, Coach, Women's Swimming and Diving, and Coach Ken Niumatalolo, Football.

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Next to ring the bell three times is the #XX Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, (Rank First and Last Name), United States Navy.

Next to ring the bell three times is the #XX Commandant of Midshipmen, (Rank First and Last Name), United States Navy.

Next to ring the bell three times is the Athletic Director, (First and Last Name).

I now invite team members of Men's Swimming and Diving, Women's Swimming and Diving, and Football to each ring the bell once.

The Drum and Bugle Corps will now lead us in Navy Blue and Gold; after Blue and Gold concludes, I invite the members of the Brigade to ring the bell. The Enterprise Bell will remain open until evening colors to continue the acclaim.

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Spring Bell Ringing Ceremony Script Example

Designated Master of Ceremonies (MC) will recite the following:

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Spring Semester Bell Ringing Ceremony.

The Academy's Victory Bells, flanking Bancroft's steps, are the Enterprise Bell to the left and a replica of the Japanese Bell on the right. The Enterprise Bell, from the carrier USS ENTERPRISE, was brought to the academy in 1950. The spring bell ringing ceremony is being held today to commemorate the 10 N* victories over Army this spring.

The following 10 Varsity teams have beaten Army this semester: Men's Basketball, Men's Indoor Track and Field, Men's Gymnastics, Wrestling, Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field, Men's and Women's Lacrosse, Men's Tennis, and Baseball. The Team's Captain and Coach are present and ready to ring the bell together 10 times in representation of the 10 victories over Army this semester.

First to ring the bell 10 times each will be the Team Captains from the victorious teams. I now invite (Midshipman First and Last Name), Men's Basketball, (Midshipman First and Last Name), Men's Indoor Track and Field, (Midshipman First and Last Name), Men's Gymnastics, (Midshipman First and Last Name), Wrestling, (Midshipman First and Last Name), Women's Outdoor Track and Field, (Midshipman First and Last Name), Men's Outdoor Track and Field, (Midshipman First and Last Name) and (Midshipman First and Last Name), Men's Lacrosse, (Midshipman First and Last Name) and (Midshipman First and Last Name), Women's Lacrosse, (Midshipman First and Last Name), Men's Tennis, and (Midshipman First and Last Name), Baseball.

Next to ring the bell 10 times each will be the Coaches from the victorious teams. I now invite Coach Ed DeChellis, Men's Basketball, Coach Stephen Cooksey, Men's Indoor Track and Field, Coach Kip Simons, Men's Gymnastics, Coach Joel Sharratt, Wrestling, Coach Carla Criste, Women's Outdoor Track and Field, Coach Stephen Cooksey, Men's Outdoor Track and Field, Coach Rick Sowell, Men's Lacrosse, Coach Cindy Timchal, Women's Lacrosse, Coach Chris Garner, Men's Tennis, and Coach Paul Kostacopoulos, Baseball.

Next to ring the bell 10 times is the #XX Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, (Rank First and Last Name), United States Navy.

Next to ring the bell 10 times is the #XX Commandant of Midshipmen, (Rank First and Last Name), United States Navy.

Next to ring the bell 10 times is the Athletic Director, (First and Last Name).

I now invite team members of Men's Basketball, Men's Indoor Track and Field, Men's Gymnastics, Wrestling, Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field, Men's and Women's

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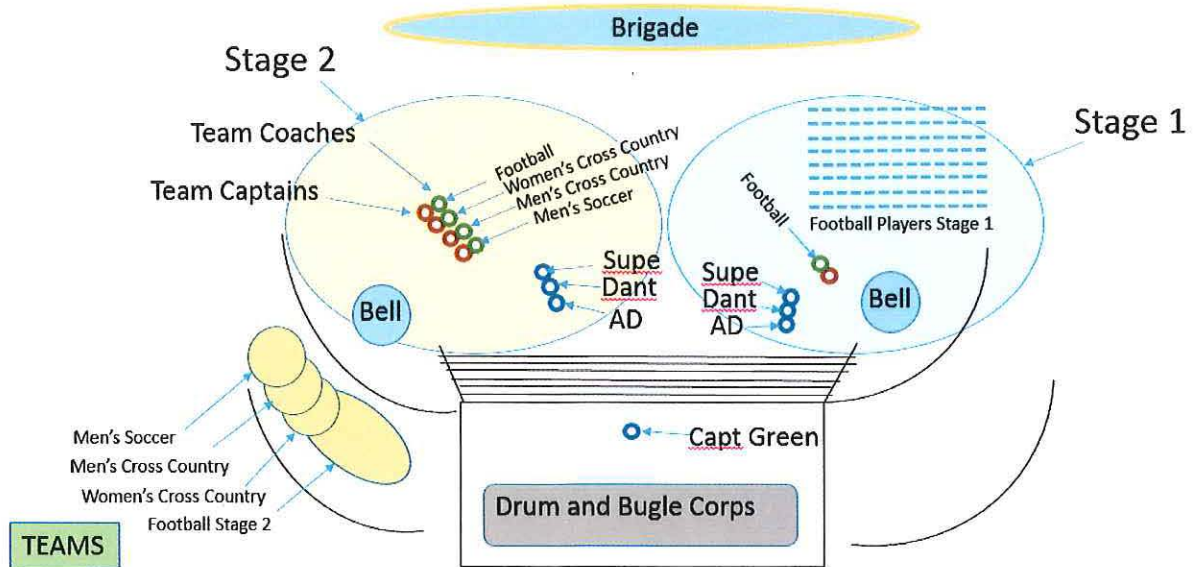
Lacrosse, Men's Tennis, and Baseball to each ring the bell once.

The Drum and Bugle Corps will now lead us in Navy Blue and Gold; after Blue and Gold concludes, I invite the members of the Brigade to ring the bell. The Enterprise Bell will remain open until evening colors to continue the acclaim.

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