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## SAILORS PINNED TO RANK OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER AT NAVAL STATION NORFOLK

**NORFOLK, VA** – Thirty-six Sailors from various commands on Naval Station Norfolk were pinned to the rank of chief petty officer (CPO) today.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Mike Stevens was the guest speaker for the ceremony, which is the culmination of a six-week training program to prepare selected Sailors for their new responsibilities as CPOs.

The ceremony signifies a new position of leadership and responsibility and is a tradition unique to the Navy, which dates back to 1893, when the CPO pay grade was created.

This week, Navy commands will pin 3,794 Sailors selected from 16,283 eligible first class petty officers.

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