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MCPON TO SPEAK AT NAVAL STATION NORFOLK'S CPO PINNING

Norfolk, Va – Naval Station Norfolk will host a chief petty officer (CPO) pinning ceremony for 36 sailors selected for the rank of E-7 tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. in the base theatre.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Mike Stevens will be the guest speaker at the event.

The pinning ceremony is the culmination of a six-week training program to prepare selected sailors for their new responsibilities as chief petty officers. 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 chief petty officer 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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MEDIA NOTE: Media interested in attending the ceremony should contact Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs Office at 757-322-2853 by 4 p.m. today. Media will meet the Public Affairs escort at Naval Station Norfolk's Tour Office no later than 8:30 a.m. The ceremony is expected to last two hours.
