For over one hundred and thirty years, Chief Petty Officers have been charged with the profound honor of leading Sailors. We do this with an understanding of our mission to create combat ready Naval forces, ready to answer the call at a moment’s notice. In freely accepting these responsibilities, we must understand and implement every detail of the following charge:

* Ours is a position of honor and responsibility. We do our work from a sense of dutyto the fact that our Sailors are absolutely entitled to the best possible leader you have within you – this right is inherent and rooted irrevocably in the Sailor’s willingness to trust us*.*
* We have a position in which you must have expert knowledgeof every detail that applies to both our technical specialty in the Naval profession and the institution it operates within.
* Our duties in educating and training Sailors of lower rank and experience are even more important than our direct responsibilities in connection with the mission.
* Our conduct in this position of special trust and confidence must be entirely above reproach, and our daily lives such as to set an example both from a personal as well as from a professional perspective.
* No matter our warfare specialty or community, we will always bear in mind the critical importance of good order and discipline, and our role not simply in enforcing it, but modeling it. We will comply strictly with the formalities of military life and require the same of our juniors.

We rise from the ranks from those we lead. We are not superior in any way excluding the responsibility we willingly accept. It is a privilege to bear the weight of these fouled anchors, and it shall only remain so long as we maintain these standards.