



CHIEF petty OFFICER

ERNEST G. LEBLANC, JR.

Retiring

U. S. NAVY

March 21, 1968

"FROM THE MESS"

Choice of :

Fried Chicken
Baked Ham & Pineapple Rings
Turkey & Dressing
Fried Oysters

Whipped Potatoes

Buttered Corn

String Beans

Fresh Collards

Potato Salad

Cole Slaw

Tossed Salad

Relish Tray

Rice Pudding

Coffee or Tea



ENTERTAINMENT FROM THE CHIEF'S CLUB

First, the Red Tape

Anchors Aweigh

The Girl in Every Port

Machinest's Mate, First Class

Bluejackets Choir

Electrician's Mate, Reporting for Duty

Composition from Chief Musician

Pier 3 Mermaids

Buoys and Gulls

Navy Pilot

Chaplain's Bulletin

Honor For Me to be here - gracious ON the Part of Betty to include our Family.

Commendation for the splendid Talent we have Enjoyed - Each part has been in ship-shape AND would pass inspection by the Secretary of Navy!

A Bunch of Roses to our Admiral - Betty - you have developed the ~~entire~~ Manuevers Without the Necessity of a Life Boat.

Visitors + Family All of us are proud of Ernie - Mother + Father, it was so Nice you could share in this event.

Celebration began on Thursday Aboard the Richard E. Byrd -

Men lined up in Dress uniforms -

The PA system played Anchors Away -

The CAPTAIN made a Solomn Speech to ONE MAN -

He Praised The Enthusiasm of Chief de Blanc -

He Expressed regret ~~at~~ ^{at} losing him from Aboard Ship.

He described his retiring man with the

Sailor who quits the sea -

Puts AN OAR over his shoulder AND

Tramps inland with the wind at his back

until some one asked what he was carrying

He knew then, he was away from the

Salt -

Mid Drummers - Ernie Marched off to his

WAITING CAR - That's Where Everything Forked
up. The Man who had operated guided Missiles
for 20 years had forgot how to operate
a simple Automobile - loaded & ready
for take off, officers standing at attention,
Ernie frantically whipped his "pony" - She
would not move!

Reminded me of Art Linkletter's Story -
Question about Noah & The Ark - one child said
only married people got on. How do you know?
Went on in Fairs! Question, well what about
The Bachelors & Old Maids - she said They missed
The Boat.

Thought Ernie had missed The Boat
& I looked for him to go back up The
gangy plank & reinstate!

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4 Things I want to say in honour of
our friend.

HENRY VAN DYKE wrote these words
"Four Things a Man must learn to do if he
would set the Record Time":

1. To Think without Confusion Clearly.
2. To love his fellow men Sincerely
3. To act from Honest Motives purely
4. To Trust in God & Heaven securely.

Port Declared this a way of life - As your friends
here tonight Ernie we salute you for Mastering These.

I. To Think Without Confusion Clearly;

Position Ernie's held demanded clear thinking -
Knowledge in the guided missile field has grown -
Today no man can stop with the knowledge he
has - He must expand - Specialization.

II. To Love His Fellow Men Sincerely;

Lowell: "The gift without the giver is ~~Bara~~ Bara"
You have expressed this in many ways, interest
in people abroad - sharing here -

III. To Act From Honest Motives Purely;

Motive - to move - deeper than emotion -
Idea - if people are informed they will do right - No.
Important quality is integrity -
Country would be safe if we had all men in
our service as Ernie.
Moral Reliable Citizens -

IV. To Trust in God and Heaven Securely;

A manner of life - Not eat, drink tomorrow we die.
Not organize life apart from God -
Philosophy - Not trust in misshes of W.M. Byrd ship.

Proff. Towerer - Brockton, Mass. Leading to singing
Hard Man's Testimony "I'm not quite sure but I am going
to trust, & I am going to obey"

Hymn: "Trust & Obey"
Your Faith inspires us - ye are the salt - light

It is because of your faith - we are here tonight -
otherwise we would have never known you

JAMES 2:23 Abraham put his faith in God & it was
credited to him for righteousness, & he was called "God's Friend"