

USS POWER DD 839

2017

SWORD CUTTING CEREMONY

Around the cake is a diverse mix of personnel, young and old, junior and senior.

The President Carl Burnham produces a sword from the cart and uses it to slice the elegant cake.

The first piece is presented to the guest of honor. He takes a bite and smiles in appreciation.

To be Announced: Name If none present continue on.

Chairman announces,

As the next piece is sliced off with the sword, The next piece is presented to the oldest Shipmate present and the first to come aboard the USS POWER DD 839 Tonight the oldest and First to come Aboard as PlankOwner Shipmate is Name: **William Bill Barker** Enlisted in the Navy and served aboard from (1945-1946) as rate Seaman First Class The oldest Shipmate then passes his piece of cake to the youngest and last to leave (Decommissioned) To the youngest Shipmate last to leave the ship present tonight is Name: Carl P. Burnham Enlisted in the Navy and served aboard from (1974-1977) as rate. YN1

Shipmate and the last to leave the USS POWER DD 839 The passing of the cake from the oldest Shipmate to the youngest Shipmate.

The First Shipmate present who served aboard the USS POWER DD 839 during Commission 1945-PlankOwner Name : William Bill Barker

The Last Shipmate present who served aboard the USS POWER DD 839 during Decommission 1977 Name: Carl P. Burnham

The youngest Shipmate last to leave the ship present tonight is () Name: Carl P. Burnham Enlisted in the Navy and served aboard from (1974-1977) as rate. YN1

Start The Ceremony: Chairman: John Pinto

Symbolizes the passing of history and traditions from one generation to the next
The passing of the cake from the oldest Shipmate to the youngest Shipmate.

Both shall hold the Sword (Saber) and cut the cake.

The first piece of cake is given to the Oldest Shipmate (**William Bill Barker**)

Upon receiving the first piece of cake : the oldest Shipmate will in turn pass it on to (**Carl P. Burnham**) signifying the passing of experience and knowledge from old to young further emphasizing the fact that we care for our young Shipmates before we look to our own needs pause (**and so it must be.**)



Carl P. Burnham



William Bill Barker



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