

USS POWER DD 839

Thursday May 12, 2022

SWORD CUTTING CEREMONY

8:00 PM Duval Hall

TRADITION

Around the cake is a diverse mix of personnel, Young and Old, Junior and Senior.

The President of the USS POWER DD 839 ASSOC. **Edward Chartrand** produces a sword from the cart.

Chairman ( John Pinto ) announces,

As the first piece is sliced off with the sword, It is then 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 in 1954 Shipmate **Joe Brazzatti** Enlisted in the Navy and served aboard in (1954-1957) as rate **LTJG** 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: **Eric Barnes** Enlisted in the Navy and served aboard from (1973-1976) as rate. **RM 3** Shipmate and the last to leave the USS POWER DD 839 the passing of the cake from the Oldest Shipmate to the Youngest Shipmate.

**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.

**Start the Ceremony:** Chairman: John Pinto

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

The first piece of cake is given to the Oldest Shipmate (**Joe Brazzatti** )

Upon receiving the first piece of cake:

The Oldest Shipmate will in turn pass it on to the Youngest Shipmate

(**Eric Barnes** ) 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.**)

Youngest Shipmate

Oldest Shipmate

CAKE



**Eric Barnes**



**Joe Brazzatti**

