

USS POWER DD 839

Monday May 15, 2023

SWORD CUTTING CEREMONY

8:00 PM Majestic 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 **Harry Daub** 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 Senior Shipmate present and the first to come aboard the USS POWER DD 839 Tonight the Senior and First to come Aboard in 1960 Shipmate **Benny Latino Sr.** Enlisted in the Navy and served aboard in (1960-1963) as rate **BT3** The Senior Shipmate then passes his piece of cake to the Junior and last to leave (Decommissioned) To the Junior 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 Senior Shipmate to the Junior Shipmate.

Symbolizes the passing of history and traditions from one generation to the next
the passing of the cake from the Senior Shipmate to the Junior 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 Senior Shipmate (**Benny Latino Sr.**)

Upon receiving the first piece of cake:

The Senior Shipmate will in turn pass it on to the Junior Shipmate (**Eric Barnes**) signifying the passing of experience and knowledge from Senior to Junior further emphasizing the fact that we care for our Junior Shipmates before we look to our own needs

Pause

(and **so it must be.**)

Junior Shipmate

Senior Shipmate

CAKE



Eric Barnes



Benny Latino Sr.

