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From: Commanding Officer, Recruit Training Command
To: Lieutenant Commander Jonathan Mitchell, U.S. Navy
Subj: APPOINTMENT OF ARTICLE 32 INVESTIGATING OFFICER IN THE
CASE OF SENIOR CHIEF BOATSWAIN'S MATE CRAIG R. SMITH,
USN, XXX-XX-2514

Ref: (a) Article 32, Uniform Code of Military Justice
(b) R.C.M. 405, MCM 2008 Edition
(c) R.C.M. 707(c)(1), MCM 2008 Edition

Encl: (1) Charge Sheet (DD458) ICO BMCS Craig R. Smith, USN

1. Pursuant to references (a) and (b), you are appointed as the Investigating Officer to conduct an investigation into the charges preferred against BMCS Craig R. Smith, USN.

2. You will conduct a thorough and impartial investigation which shall include an inquiry into the truth of the matters set forth in the charges, consideration of the form of the charges and specifications thereunder and a recommendation as to disposition which should be made in the interest of justice and discipline. In conducting your investigation and in making your report, you will be guided by the provisions of references (a) and (b) and by such other legal authorities as may be applicable. You may also investigate uncharged misconduct pursuant to paragraph (d) of reference (a).

3. Pursuant to reference (c), any request for a delay in starting the proceeding shall be submitted to me in writing via the Government Counsel for approval or disapproval. Such request must detail the supporting reasons for delay. Authority to grant a delay as to the commencement date of the investigation is not delegated to the Investigating Officer. Any delay that is granted shall be documented in writing. After the Article 32 hearing has commenced you are directed to notify me immediately as to the reasons necessitating any significant recess for delay. Once the investigation is closed, you are directed to notify me immediately if there is a request to reopen the investigation and standby for further direction.

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4. You should provide the report of the Article 32 investigation to me with a recommendation as to the disposition within 10 days after the conclusion of the investigation. Any request for delay in submitting the report shall be made in writing. In preparing your report you shall use DD Form 457 and copies shall be provided to government and defense counsel.

5. LT Courtney Scheff, JAGC, USN, is appointed as government counsel. She may be contacted at Region Legal Service Office Midwest, Great Lakes, Illinois, at (847) 688-3805. LT Scheff is certified in accordance with Article 27(b) of the UCMJ and has been previously sworn in accordance with Article 42(a) of the UCMJ. LTJG Lisa Redmond, JAGC, USN, is appointed as assistant government counsel. She may be contacted at Region Legal Service Office Midwest, Great Lakes, Illinois, at (847) 688-3805. LTJG Redmond is certified in accordance with Article 27(b) of the UCMJ and has been previously sworn in accordance with Article 42(a) of the UCMJ. LT Charles Gough, JAGC, USN, is appointed as defense counsel. He may be reached at Naval Legal Service Office North Central Detachment, Great Lakes, Illinois, at (847) 688-4753. LT Gough is certified in accordance with Article 27(b) of the UCMJ and previously sworn in accordance with Article 42(a) of the UCMJ.

6. The investigation will commence at 0900 on 28 April 2011 in Building 2, on the Third Deck at Naval Station Great Lakes.


STEVEN G. BETHKE

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