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Dear Mustangs,

Greetings from Virginia Beach. I am sending you this letter to inform you that I have been properly relieved as the President of the Navy Mustang Association by CDR Evan Hipsley, Jr., USN (Ret) effective September 16, 2021. I am pleased that Evan has answered the call of leadership and am sure that he will apply his energy, commitment to our fraternity, and non-profit managerial acumen for the betterment of the organization.

While there are mustangs in all of America's armed services, the Navy's reliance in the concept of up from the ranks is peerless. Those of you who are new to these ranks, congratulations on your significant achievement; your service thus far has earned you a place but do not rest on your laurels, you must continue to uphold the reputation of the mustang. Those of you who have been in the wardroom for a while; thank you for what you have done in supporting the replenishment of our ranks with the best and the brightest. Now that they are here, never stop and mentoring. For our retired members, thank you for blazing trails, setting standards, and passing on our traditions. Mustangs appreciate our elders and hold them high esteem for their service and their sea stories.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you over these last four years and to have been one of you for the last 21 years.

Very Respectfully,