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Carroll: My next advancement, which is the same, from E-6 to E-7, the chief petty officer—from first class to chief petty officer—you take a written test but I was actually selected for chief petty officer in 1993. The average time for an SH to make chief petty officer was between thirteen and fourteen years and I made it in nine.

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[Laughs] Yeah, but it was because of that, and it was amazing how going from one senior command to another senior individual in command what a difference it made because the second master chief appreciated women in the Navy and, you know, knew that, again, I knew my shit [laughs] and I didn't take any shit and I knew how to train.

Halaska: And what year was the Shore Sailor of the Year.

Carroll: That was in '92.

Halaska: '92. Okay. And then—

Carroll: And then I took the advancement exam and was advanced in '93, you go through a whole chief's initiation.

Halaska: Do you want to tell me about that?

Carroll: *Chief's initiation* [laughs]. I will tell you about chief's initiation. I checked back on board to the *Cape Cod* because my time it, my shore duty was actually over so I checked—they wanted me back on the *Cape Cod* so I went back on there. No sooner did I check back on board and I found out I made chief. The advancement is actually in September but from the time the word comes out which I think is three months prior to your actual advancement, your pinning ceremony, they had a chief's initiation so every morning—I think there was a group of seven of us that made it—we would have to be in the chiefs' mess. We would serve them coffee, we would cook, we would clean. We would clean—the guys would do the men's heads and the females would go on and do the females berthing and heads. When you stood duty, in our duty section rotation, again, it was either three or six days, it depended, you would have to stay there all night and if chief said change the channel for me you would have to run over and grab the remote and change the channel for him. Oh, yeah! Then the night before you're pinned—this went on for three months and you—yeah, yeah, *harassed* pretty much. I mean it was very demeaning and it was meant to, it was meant to work, so the Navy thought, make you a stronger leader because if you could take shit from them you could take it from anyone, and it was to build character.

You are now a chief petty officer and when a chief says now a chief means *now*. You are going to be that person. So you need to learn how to say *now* because people get killed if we don't do our jobs correctly. So that was their mentality. Anyway, the night before we had to be onboard at midnight, and they, we each had a mentor, so to speak, and they would pick—we had to dress up and my mentor was also a woman who there was a female SK so she was supply corps also; picked for us to be—trying to remember—we were—what's the—I can't remember, Tinker Bell! I got to be Tinker Bell—Peter Pan!—[Halaska laughs], and she was Peter Pan and I was Tinker Bell. And they have all of these stations and it starts at midnight and you were in these little costumes and it was twelve hours of hell.

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You would be blindfolded and rolled in stuff that you didn't know. You were eating things that you had no idea—they actually had a coffin in there that was full of ice. They also had a thing called the electric chair. So, they would put you in this coffin and you don't know that any of this is bull. I mean, I kind of figured out three-quarters of the way through what the whole idea was, but they would put you in this coffin and get you soaking wet and then take you blindfolded over to the electric chair and you were thinking you were going to be *zapped*. I shook so hard because I was *so* cold. [makes sound] You know, I weigh all of a hundred pounds. I practically *shook* that chair waiting for them to zap me, across the room. It never happened, but the whole idea was to build character and once you did, and you didn't know what this was, but once you did what they wanted you to do they laid off. They just wanted you to puke. [Halaska laughs] So, I was watching—you know, I watched a few people that had done—because you didn't know what you were eating. I mean, they were—and one of the main things that and and it is [lowers voice] disgusting, was, it's called balut. It's a Filipino delicacy. They are chicken eggs that are partially formed and then they're put in vinegar, and it's a delicacy over there. Yes. And [gagging noise], and I'm not a big sauerkraut eater, I'm not a big fish eater, I mean, there was oysters there was—and none of it was *harmful* but, the whole, so after I saw a couple of 'em then they let 'em just kinda lay there and wallow in their own sorrow so I said, "Fine." I just gagged and puked all over 'em. [Halaska laughs] I didn't care. They left me alone. And then you'd go through your whole shower and they had a huge ceremony and my mentor and the woman that I spoke of, the LN1 and her girlfriend—her girlfriend had actually made chief petty officer and was close to retiring—she was one that pinned my anchors on me for the first time and it was probably the proudest moment of my life. Here was this women that I admired and I absolutely loved and had mentored me and she was there to pin my anchor on. Still brings tears to my eyes, and [inaudible][both laugh]. Yeah.

Halaska: That was great.

Carroll: That was phenomenal.