

THE  
PRESIDENT  
OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



To all who shall see these presents, greeting:  
Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity  
and abilities of  
LEONARD A. BRACKEN, JR. , I do,  
by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint HIM A

COMMANDER

United States Navy

to rank as such from the FIRST day of JULY , nineteen  
hundred and SIXTY-NINE . This Officer will therefore carefully and diligently  
discharge the duties of the office to which appointed by doing and performing all  
manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require these Officers and other personnel of lesser  
rank to render such obedience as is due an officer of this grade and position. And  
this Officer is to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as  
may be given by me, or the future President of the United States of America, or other  
Superior Officers, acting in accordance with the laws of the United States of America.

This commission is to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of  
the United States of America, for the time being, under the provisions of those Public  
Laws relating to Officers of the Armed Forces of the United States of America  
and the component thereof in which this appointment is made.

Done at the City of Washington, this TWENTY-FIFTH day of JANUARY ,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and SEVENTY-FOUR , and of the  
Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH .

By the President:

David H. Bagley  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Chief of Naval Personnel



John W. Warner  
Secretary of the Navy