

### **METOC Community Verse for Eternal Father Hymn**

In 1988, The OA Division and Division Officer on the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) composed and submitted the following verse to represent the Meteorology and Oceanography (METOC) community, as one of the many verses on file for the Navy Hymn "Eternal Father":

"O' Father Whose Eternal Love  
Spans Ocean Floor To Skies Above.  
From Raging Storms To Waters Still,  
The Winds And Waves Obey Thy Will.  
O' Hear Us When We Pray To Thee  
For Those Who Forecast Winds And Sea!"

At the time, the authors were not fully aware of the role the Naval Observatory played within the METOC Community; providing precise time, celestial navigation and GPS support to the nation and naval operations worldwide.

The following revision is proposed to the METOC Verse to include the Naval Observatory's role and contributions within the METOC community; in the second line, change the word "skies" to "stars". Also, in the last line, change the word "winds" to "wind".

With the recommend changes, request the new METOC Verse be:

"O' Father, Whose Eternal Love  
Spans Ocean Floor To Stars Above.  
From Raging Storm To Waters Still,  
The Winds And Waves Obey Thy Will.  
O' Hear Us When We Pray To Thee  
For these Who Forecast Wind And Sea!"

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

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