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Name of Servicemember: _____
           (first)   (middle)   (last)

Rank or Pay Grade: _____   **Branch of Service:** _____

I, _____ am a commissioned officer of the
  (Rank)   (First name)   (Middle name)   (Last name)

United States _____ and I am currently serving on active duty with
            (Service Branch)

_____.
        (Unit Designation to the ship, battalion or squadron level)

I entered the service from the city of _____, in the state of _____,
               (Name of City)   (Name of State)

and the date of rank for my current commission is the _____ day of _____, _____. I hearby certify
               (Date)   (Month)   (Year; YYYY)

the apparent authenticity of all documents submitted under my signature in the accompanying correspondence.

Signed: _____
       (Official Signature as it appears on all accompanying documentation)

This _____ day of _____, _____.
    (Date)   (Month)   (Year; YYYY)