



The Shield:

Blue and gold are the colors traditionally associated with the Naval Service and represent the sea and excellence. The Chevron is a symbol of strength. The dolphins honor Captain Underwood's three highly successful submarine combat patrols in the Pacific during World War II, for which he was awarded the Navy Cross each time. These are represented by the crosses embedded in the shield.

The Crest:

The trident, torches and laurel are adapted from the Naval Academy emblem and are used to symbolize naval prowess, fire power, and excellence of capabilities. The sword refers to the highly coveted "Academy Sword" awarded to, then Midshipman Underwood, for athletic excellence during his years at the United States Naval Academy.

The Motto:

Whensoever hostile aggressions . . . require a resort to war, we must meet our duty and convince the world that we are just friends and brave enemies. -Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Andrew Jackson, December 3, 1806.

