



## Brian Dietzen Co-Authors 'NCIS' Farewell Episode for David McCallum

### Description

Brian Dietzen, who plays Jimmy Palmer on "NCIS," has stepped into a new role as the chief medical examiner on the show following the departure of David McCallum's character, Ducky. With McCallum's passing in September, Dietzen found himself co-writing a tribute episode to honor both the character of Ducky and the actor himself alongside executive producer Scott Williams. The episode, titled "The Stories We Leave Behind," has aired on CBS and is expected to be emotional for longtime fans, especially considering McCallum's impressive career spanning decades.

In an interview, Dietzen shared his experience of writing the tribute episode so soon after McCallum's death and the importance of providing catharsis for both the audience and himself. He also discussed the challenges of balancing emotional scenes with the show's crime element, as well as the impact of Ducky's storytelling on the series.

Reflecting on his time working alongside McCallum, Dietzen admired the actor's dedication to his craft and commitment to his family. He also highlighted McCallum's decision to step back from a full-time role on the show, emphasizing the actor's desire to prioritize family time and enjoy life outside of work.

Regarding his character Jimmy, Dietzen emphasized the development of Jimmy's personal life on the show and hinted at future storylines involving his romantic relationship and comedic scenes. He also noted the shift in the portrayal of inter-office romances on "NCIS," expressing the audience's appreciation for positive and mature relationships in the series.

As a long-standing member of the "NCIS" cast, Dietzen expressed gratitude for the evolution of his character and the opportunity to contribute to the show's continued success.

Overall, Dietzen's insights offer a heartfelt look at the impact of the tribute episode and the enduring legacy of "NCIS" as it continues to captivate audiences with compelling storytelling and character development.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Tribute** // (noun): An act, statement, or gift that is intended to show gratitude, respect, or admiration.
2. **Catharsis** // (noun): The process of releasing, and thereby providing relief from, strong or repressed emotions.
3. **Portrayal** // (noun): The manner in which someone or something is depicted or represented.
4. **Inter-office** // (adjective): Relating to or taking place between different offices within the same organization.
5. **Gratitude** // (noun): The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.
6. **Evolution** // (noun): The gradual development or change of something over time.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which term refers to a claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong without proof?

- Option: Consent
- Option: Assault
- Option: Allegation
- Option: Charges

2. What term is used to describe something handed down from an ancestor or predecessor?

- Option: Tribute
- Option: Legacy
- Option: Dedication
- Option: Endorsement

3. Which term refers to the action of publicly stating support or approval of someone or something?

- Option: Legacy
- Option: Endorsement
- Option: Tribute



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Option: Charges

4. What term describes something that is given to help others or bring about a particular result or benefit?

Option: Documentaries

Option: Contributions

Option: Entertainment

Option: Capitalize

5. Which term means to reject or remove someone or something from consideration or authority?

Option: Significant

Option: Retrial

Option: Dismissed

Option: Allegation

6. What term is used to describe the depiction or representation of someone or something in a work of art or literature?

Option: Gratitude

Option: Melancholia

Option: Portrayal

Option: Acquiescence

7. Which term refers to the gradual development or change of something over time?

Option: Acquiescence

Option: Evolution

Option: Capitalize

Option: Contributions

8. What term is used for goods to be bought and sold especially products that are connected with a popular film or singer?

Option: Resembles

Option: Merchandise

Option: Leveraged

Option: Charges

9. Which term describes a state of complete emptiness or destruction?

Option: Prodigious

Option: Acquiescence

Option: Desolation

Option: Manifest

10. What term refers to a physical attack or threat on a person?

Option: Charges

Option: Consent



- Option: Assault  
Option: Allegation

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. In business it is wise to \_\_\_\_\_ on opportunities when they arise.
12. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its assets to expand its operations.
13. She fell into a state of deep \_\_\_\_\_ after the loss of her beloved pet.
14. His \_\_\_\_\_ to the new rules showed his willingness to adapt.
15. Her passion for art was \_\_\_\_\_ in the way she spoke about famous painters.
16. She expressed her \_\_\_\_\_ for the support she received during a difficult time.
17. The discovery of the ancient ruins was of \_\_\_\_\_ importance to archaeologists.
18. After new evidence was found the court ordered a \_\_\_\_\_ of the case.
19. If you want to succeed in this business you must learn to \_\_\_\_\_ on your strengths.
20. The event was a \_\_\_\_\_ to the achievements of the famous scientist.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Her talent for acting propelled her to stardom at a young age.
22. Many people enjoy watching because they provide real-life insights and information.
23. The new policy changes will affect communication among departments.
24. Writing in her journal provided her with a sense of emotional during difficult times.
25. The painting a famous work by Picasso but with a modern twist.
26. The of technology has transformed the way we live and work.
27. The author analyzed the complex issues in his latest book.



28. The monument was built as a to the soldiers who fought for freedom.

29. Her heart was filled with for the kindness shown by strangers.

30. His philanthropic work left a lasting on the community.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Allegation 2. Legacy 3. Endorsement 4. Contributions 5. Dismissed 6. Portrayal 7. Evolution 8. Merchandise 9. Desolation 10. Assault

**Gap-Fill:** 11. capitalize 12. leveraged 13. melancholia 14. acquiescence 15. manifest 16. gratitude 17. significant 18. retrial 19. capitalize 20. tribute

**Matching sentence:** 1. prodigious 2. documentaries 3. inter-office 4. catharsis 5. resembles 6. evolution 7. insightfully 8. tribute 9. gratitude 10. legacy

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