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Shipmates, Families and Friends,

For 242 years, the United States Navy has defended our nation and ensured our interests. This year's theme, "Sea Power to Protect and Promote" could not be more fitting, as we reflect on our prestigious history—a history forged by those who Sailed before around the globe.

Our Navy is comprised of a diverse group of Sailors, civilian professionals and families who in unison, are the core to the greatest Navy the world has ever known.

Witnessing first-hand the pride and commitment of each member of that One Navy Team operating around the world, I am continuously inspired and honored to serve alongside such an amazing team selflessly dedicated to our Nation, our Navy and one another. Each of you are vital to our future success.

Elka and I wish to say thank you. Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and for being those people for our nation.

Happy Birthday Navy!



Very Respectfully,

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