



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

I wish all who are serving today - Sailors, Navy civilians, and families - a joyous holiday season. The holidays provide a welcomed opportunity to spend time with family, friends, and loved ones, and I urge each of you to take advantage of every opportunity.

This holiday finds us serving at sea with our partner sea services, the Marine Corps and Coast Guard; and standing shoulder to shoulder with them, the Army, and Air Force, supporting a joint fight that is critical to our Nation's future. I am honored to serve as your Chief of Naval Operations during a time when our Navy's reputation - your reputation - is absolutely incredible.

For those of us who are fortunate enough to celebrate the holiday at home with family and friends, let's keep in mind our shipmates who are serving forward. Thanks to them, we can enjoy this special time. For all who are deployed during this holiday season, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Remain diligent in your duty and look out for your shipmates. Know that your service is appreciated, and that you are making a difference.

Whether you are serving at home or abroad, take pride knowing you are providing for the safety, security, and prosperity of our Nation.

From my family to yours, happy holidays.

Sincerely,

GARY ROUGHHEAD
Admiral, U.S. Navy