



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Happy Birthday Team!

As I mentioned in my first message to the fleet, our ships, submarines and aircraft form the muscle and bones of the Navy, but the heart and soul of our Navy is you, our people.

Today we honor and celebrate two hundred and forty years of proud, committed Americans raising their right hand to become Sailors and defend our country. Every day around the world, our people can be found on, under and over the sea. You are smart, resourceful and committed Americans who want to be part of something special – to be part of our high-performing Navy Team. You are a formidable force.

Our Navy team is fueled by integrity, creativity, and toughness. Together we are greater than the sum of our individual parts. Together, we are ready to fight and win at sea.

It is because of this teamwork, fused together by common bonds of Honor, Courage, and Commitment, that we will continue to be the greatest Navy in the world.

To all our Sailors, Navy civilians, proud families and Veterans around the globe, Happy Birthday and thank you for your service.



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