



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

A MESSAGE COMMEMORATING THE 230TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY

Two hundred and thirty years ago, our Navy was founded to defend this great nation and our freedoms. Courageous Sailors have been executing that mission ever since. At every moment of every day, the men and women of our Navy stand the watch of freedom across the globe.

We are a nation at war – and these are dangerous times. They demand the honor, courage and commitment that our brave Sailors have demonstrated time and again. To strengthen our Nation's security, our Navy will take sovereign combat power to the far corners of the earth – to fight and win.

Our Navy's history is a rich and proud one, built on a foundation of combat excellence, selfless service and professionalism. Having met and overcome challenges for two hundred and thirty years, the U.S. Navy will always be ready to answer the nation's call. The American people expect nothing less, and our Navy will deliver.

Sincerely,

VERN CLARK
Admiral, U.S. Navy

