



COMMANDER
MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND

**HAPPY 230TH BIRTHDAY TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY
FROM THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND**

In a world significantly changed by the global war on terrorism, Military Sealift Command remains the premier ocean transporter for the Department of Defense, operating an average of 110 ships every day around the globe. More than 80 percent of our people serve at sea. Our professional civilian mariners, Sailors and shore-side workforce contribute daily to a 21st century organization that is transforming from good to great!

MSC provides combat logistics force ships that supply the Navy Fleet with food, fuel, spare parts and equipment to allow the United States to maintain a sustained forward presence. We also provide ocean-going platforms for a variety of special missions for the DOD and other government agencies, including scientific support, missile tracking, undersea surveillance and oceanographic survey.

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Since 1949, Military Sealift Command people have answered the call whenever and wherever the need arose. In Iraq and Afghanistan, in Bosnia-Hertsegovina and Kosovo, in Somalia and Indonesia -- MSC delivers.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. BREWER III
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Dear Ms. Morrison:

Thanks for the opportunity to participate in Navy 230. I've enclosed an introductory letter from me for the book as well as a CD-ROM with photos to complement our longer article on Military Sealift Command, which was sent to you electronically.

If you have any questions or need any additional material, please contact my Public Affairs Director, Marge Holtz, at 202-685-5055. Her staff will be happy to assist you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. L. Brewer III", is positioned above the typed name.

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