



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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Dear Captain Even:

My sincere best wishes go to you and your crew on the commissioning of USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH-11). May the voyage ahead be most rewarding and challenging.

NEW ORLEANS bears one of the Navy's proudest names. She honors a most historic port city, the scene of two battles of lasting significance in our history. In 1815 and again in 1862 our Navy demonstrated the value of seapower, and added new luster to American arms. Your ship also commemorates the Confederate floating battery NEW ORLEANS, lost in action at Island Number 10 in 1862; the protected cruiser NEW ORLEANS, active in the Spanish-American War and World War I; and the heavy cruiser NEW ORLEANS (CA-32), veteran of Pacific battles from Pearl Harbor and Coral Sea to Okinawa, and winner of the Philippine Republic's Presidential Unit Citation.

In war as in peace NEW ORLEANS' predecessors have proven themselves worthy of their name. I know that you and every man who serves with you will give of your best to measure up to the gallant spirit she embodies.

On behalf of the Navy, I welcome NEW ORLEANS to the fleet. May the best of good fortune be yours in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

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