



## CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS


### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

As Chief of Naval Operations, I am well acquainted with the National Museum of the United States Navy which is located in the Washington Navy Yard. Established by then-Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, the Museum is a national asset. It portrays the epic story of the generations of Sailors who, in peace and war, have served our Nation with honor, courage, and commitment since 1775.

The Museum has inspired and informed millions of visitors about the significant impact of sea power on our Nation from the American Revolution, to the Cold War, and beyond. Throughout history, our dominance on the seas has been challenged. We have always prevailed. By maintaining maritime dominance, the United States Navy assures allies, friends, and partners of America's resolve to protect our homeland and contribute to our Nation's security and prosperity.

The National Museum of the United States Navy has completed plans for a series of exhibits that will honor Sailors from the beginning of the Cold War until the fall of the Berlin Wall. It is imperative that we pay tribute by telling the stories of the brave men and women who served and sacrificed during this significant time in our history. Accordingly, the Naval Historical Foundation is partnering with non-governmental organizations to design and install displays to commemorate some very important Cold War anniversaries including the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 2009, and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War in 2010.

On behalf of the United States Navy, I thank you for your contributions, and support of this very meaningful tribute to those who served and inspired future generations. It is an important exhibit, and I applaud the efforts of all involved.



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