



## CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS



### Navy Birthday 2016

*"America's Sailor. For 241 Years: Tough, Bold, and Ready."*

Team,

We're all proud of our Navy's 241 years of history and heritage. From 1775 to today, our Navy, with our Marine Corps teammates, has protected America from attack, and preserved our influence in key regions around the world. At and from the sea, we have enhanced safety, security and stability, which has led to American prosperity.

To succeed in today's super-complex environment we must be the force that provides our national leadership with thoughtful solutions to tough problems.

We must represent our Navy and our Nation with pride and professionalism. We must look to our core attributes of Integrity, Accountability, Initiative and Toughness as our guide to living by our core values.

Dana and I are proud of each Sailor, civilian and family member. We are blessed to be part of the Navy team. Happy Birthday, Shipmates!

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