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I am honored to join in celebrating the 240th birthday of the United States Navy on October 13.

From our earliest chapters onward, generations of service members have carried America through centuries of trial and triumph—protecting our democracy, advancing our ideals, and giving strength to our Union. Throughout our country’s journey, America has endured because of the brave women and men who have put their lives on the line—dedicating themselves in a spirit of service and sacrifice to ensuring the survival of our Nation’s extraordinary promise.

On land and sea across the globe, our sailors stand for our country’s most sacred responsibilities. From protecting our homeland to bringing shelter and hope in times of disaster, they reflect America at its finest. And by devoting themselves to performing every mission with impeccable courage, skill, and determination, they remind us that our country was built from forces of camaraderie and common purpose, and that as long as we summon that spirit and stay true to our mission, America’s greatest breakthroughs and victories will always lie ahead.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, thank you to all who serve in the United States Navy and to the loving, dedicated families who serve alongside them. May God bless and protect our service members, our veterans, and the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style.