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Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, USN
Chief, Navy Reserve
2000 Navy Pentagon, Room 4E458
Washington, DC 20350-2000

Dear Admiral Cotton:

I'd like to extend my congratulations to all citizen-sailors on this the 93rd birthday of the Navy Reserve. Since 1915 the Navy Reserve has continued to evolve to meet the needs of our nation, engaging our adversaries wherever they may be.

The demands of the Global War on Terror have necessitated yet another historic evolution of the Navy Reserve. Increasingly, our citizen–sailors are serving America in ways not envisioned only a few short years ago. Whether on the high seas or in the littorals, members of the Navy Reserve regularly display a level of dedication and resilience which truly encapsulates the phrase "ready and fully integrated". The citizen–sailors of today have embarked on their new legacy.

I'm happy to extend my personal thank you to all members of the United States Navy Reserve for their commitment to service, whenever and wherever our nation has needed them. I am confident that this legacy will continue. Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

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