



Association of the Class of 1966

United States Naval Academy



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**RE: UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY CLASS OF 1966 AWARD FOR
SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONALISM FOR 2021**

Dear Lieutenant Krause:

On behalf of the Class of 1966, United States Naval Academy, I commend you on your selection as the recipient of the Class of 1966 Junior Officer Superior Leadership and Professionalism Award for 2021.

Your tremendous efforts, devotion, and dedication while serving as Damage Control Assistant were instrumental in accomplishing a demanding Damage Control Material Assessment, Contractor Sea Trials, and the certification in MOB-D six weeks early during a condensed Basic Phase and through the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, you flawlessly led the ship's damage control organization through Commander Naval Surface Forces Atlantic's Readiness Evaluation-6 (RE-6) and a no-notice Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) for which you earned above class average scores and were identified as being "the best Division Officer" the inspectors had seen. These arduous inspections touched every corner of GONZALEZ and showed your capability to lead and coordinate at a level of an officer far more senior and experienced. The resounding success of your leadership, training, and the inspections have ensured that GONZALEZ is ready to deploy and go in harm's way. You have shown a rare combination of leadership and management skills as well as a devotion to duty that has set the example for all Sailors to emulate and is in keeping with the GONZALEZ motto of going Beyond the Call.

While specifically recognizing you for your professional performance and achievements during your tour onboard GONZALEZ, my Classmates and I strongly encourage you to continue the excellent path of professional growth you have demonstrated to date. Through continuous learning and honing of your professional and leadership skills and by leading and mentoring those for whom you are responsible, you contribute directly to the very core of the Naval Service and its future.

The Class of 1966 is pleased to present you with the enclosed certificate and check in recognition for and appreciation of your outstanding performance onboard GONZALEZ. Your loyal devotion to duty and unselfish service to your Shipmates and your Country demonstrate a high level of professionalism and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

My Classmates and I wish you much success during your naval career, and may you always go forth with fair winds and following seas. Well Done!

Most Sincerely,

Carlton W. Fulford, Jr.
General, United States Marine Corps (Retired)
President, Class of 1966, United States Naval Academy

Copy to: Commanding Officer
USS GONZALEZ (DDG 66)