



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 Petty Officer Hauser:

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 Enlisted Superior Leadership and Professionalism Award for 2021.

Your tremendous efforts and dedication while serving as the Leading Petty Officer for Auxiliary Division were instrumental in the numerous successes for GONZALEZ over the last year. You personally led nine Sailors and orchestrated 52 demonstrations of hot and cold checks during the engineering Light Off Assessment, helping GONZALEZ to score an eye watering 95.5% for a 25-year-old destroyer. As a member of both the Damage Control Training Team and Engineering Training Team, your expert knowledge and experience coupled with your leadership through countless sets of evolutions and drills led to the certifications of MOB-D and MOB-E during the Basic Phase. At the daily deck plate helm of Auxiliary Division and without a Chief for several months, you managed and led your Division in preparation for the 2021 Board of Inspection and Survey where the auxiliaries functional area scored a well above class average .90 and earned high praise from the inspectors. Your tireless efforts and leadership through the inspection greatly improved the material readiness of GONZALEZ and ensured that her Engineering Department was always ready to answer all bells. You have shown a rare combination of leadership and management skills as well as a devotion to duty to set an example for others to emulate and is in keeping with the GONZALEZ motto of going Beyond the Call.

While specifically recognizing 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. Through continuous learning and demonstration of professional skills, by mentoring our Sailors, 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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Fulford".

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)