



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 2022**

Dear Petty Officer Monroe:

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 2022.

Your tremendous efforts and dedication while serving as the Leading Petty Officer for Deck Division were instrumental in the numerous successes for GONZALEZ over the last year. You personally led twenty-five Sailors and were pivotal during Gonzalez's sustainment, maintenance, and basic phases, ensuring that deck exceeded material readiness, leading to an above average INSURV score in 2021. From your wealth of experience, you were able to safely provide oversight for the on load of 8 million gallons of F-76 and 26 thousand gallons of JP-5, ensuring Gonzalez was always ready to meet the task at hand during your time on board. As a member of the seamanship training team, medical training team, and anti-terrorism training teams, your expert knowledge and experience coupled with your leadership has greatly impacted the Gonzalez crew, providing continuity of training and keeping Gonzalez qualified. Your tireless efforts and leadership through your tour has greatly improved the material readiness and knowledge of the crew of GONZALEZ and ensured that her Deck Division was always ready to meet all missions. 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,

John Scott Redd
Vice Admiral, United States Navy (Retired)
President
Class of 1966, United States Naval Academy

Copy to: Commanding Officer
USS GONZALEZ (DDG 66)