



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 Lieutenant Stockdale:

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 2022.

Your tremendous efforts, devotion, and dedication while serving as Training Officer were instrumental in accomplishing a demanding Integrated and Advanced Phase for deployment work-ups as well as a surge deployment to C5F and C6F Areas of Responsibility. Additionally, you flawlessly led the ship's Integrated Training Team throughout deployment ensuring that the ship remained at the peak of readiness and training. Your attention to detail and drive to ensure that GONZALEZ was prepared to execute every mission was an essential part to the success of the 2022 Deployment. The uncertainty of such an arduous deployment and your ability to continuously flex, train other Junior Officers and keep the ship safe through your watch standing and tactical acumen showed your capability to lead and coordinate at a level of an officer far more senior and experienced. The resounding success of your leadership and training ensured that GONZALEZ was 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Scott Redd".

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)