



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Sixty years ago our nation fought in a war that defeated fascism and brought democracy to societies around the world. Our victory in World War II shaped the course of modern history, and came at a heavy price. I extend greetings to those gathered today to remember and honor the brave Sailors and Soldiers who died during an enemy surprise attack while training for the Normandy invasion.

On April 28, 1944, while conducting Exercise Tiger at Slapton Sands, England, more than 700 Sailors and Soldiers paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Their dedication to duty while training to launch the largest amphibious assault in history exemplified the values that we hold firm today. Those of us who now wear the cloth of our nation walk proudly in their courageous footsteps.

For the Sailors and Soldiers who participated in Exercise Tiger, our Navy salutes their selfless duty to the nation and to all free people. I join you in honoring their service.

Sincerely,

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Admiral, U.S. Navy