



# NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

*Citizens in Support of Sea Services*

April 18, 2022

The Honorable Carlos Del Toro  
Secretary of the Navy  
Office of the Secretary of the Navy  
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 4D652  
Washington, D.C. 20350  
cc:  
Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday  
Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. David Berger

Dear Secretary Del Toro,

In October 2025, Homecoming 250 Navy Marine Corps will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Navy's founding by assembling an official ceremony in Philadelphia. The Navy League of the United States is formally endorsing this celebration, with the city of Philadelphia serving as the rightful historically rich location for the official 250th anniversary of the founding of the Navy and the Marine Corps.

As part of the Semiquincentennial of the Independence of the United States, it is important to commemorate the events that enabled and protected that independence: the creation of the American military services in 1775. As the premier military service organization supporting the U.S. sea services, the Navy League is proud to be a part this endeavor and we look forward to supporting this initiative.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Rind". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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National President

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