



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL WEAPONS STATION YORKTOWN
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June 29, 2018

Dear USS Yorktown (CG-48) Association:

I wanted to write to tell you that the Military & Civilian personnel of Naval Weapons Station Yorktown send you cheers and warm wishes for a most wonderful 2018 reunion. We think of you often and fondly remember the special bond that exists between the ship and our installation. Every 4th of July, we remember with great pride the weeks we spent preparing our ammunition handling pier for the commissioning of the warship on that special 4th of July back in 1984. We remember the glorious commissioning day, the dignitaries, and the huge crowd of guests. We remember the moving speeches. We remember the ship's sponsor, our dearly beloved Ms. Mary Mathews, who called on us to "fight for freedom throughout the world; fight for freedom throughout the universe." We remember the great moment when you brought the ship to life! We also remember conducting numerous weapons loads during its lifetime. Our memories of the mighty ship, sailing proudly in the York River to and from our pier, will forever remind us of your outstanding contributions to national defense. We are eternally grateful to you for protecting and projecting the ideals of freedom that the siege of Yorktown embodies and that you and the personnel of the Naval Weapons Station Yorktown have worked so hard to preserve. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your service and our best wishes for many more reunions and know that we now stand the watch for you!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Kosnar".

MATTHEW A. KOSNAR
Captain, U.S. Navy