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MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer, USS ZUMWALT (DDG 1000)

Subj: WELCOME ABOARD LETTER

Congratulations on your new assignment to USS ZUMWALT (DDG1000)! I personally extend a warm aloha and welcome to the Gray WolveZ TEAM! I hope you are as pleased with your orders as we are. As a Gray Wolf, you are an integral member of our TEAM, which is preparing to head to Hawaii in the near future, poised to respond rapidly and effectively across the full range of military operations within the largest and most comprehensive Area of Responsibility (AOR) on the planet: the Indo-Pacific. You are joining a proud TEAM with a wonderful namesake. In fact, you may be interested to know that ZUMWALT is named for Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr, who stood as one of the most accomplished leaders in our Navy's history. His career spanned 35 years, beginning in 1939 as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy and ended upon his retirement in 1974. Admiral Zumwalt played major roles from World War II through the Cold War, serving as the Nineteenth Chief of Naval Operations from 1970-74.

Admiral Zumwalt established a legacy of technological innovation and opportunity for all servicemembers. Our official crest reads: PAX PROPTER VIM, or *Peace through Power*. This inscription reflects his approach to service and visionary leadership; our crew embodies his legacy through our diversity, determination, respect for one another and personal sacrifice through service to our nation. Selflessness, empathy, and connectedness are the hallmarks of our TEAM.

ZUMWALT Sailors are a combat-ready TEAM who embody professionalism, high character, tactical savvy and toughness. In short, Gray WolveZ operate as a pack!

As you prepare for your arrival, you will find important information and points of contact included in your welcome aboard package and the ship's webpage found at: <https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/ddg1000/>

Finally, I want to make your transition to our team as seamless as possible, so I ask that you utilize the attached links for assistance. The Command Master Chief (cmc@ddg1000.navy.mil), Ombudsman (ombudsman@ddg1000.navy.mil) and Sponsor Coordinator (sponsor@ddg1000.navy.mil) are available to assist you during your transition and throughout your tour. In addition, your own sponsor should be reaching out to guide you through your arrival process. You should be PROUD of your assignment to DDG 1000! Welcome to the PACK! I cannot wait to see the things you will accomplish.

Hunt Together. Strike as one!

Welcome to the
GRAY WOLVEZ!
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