



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
USS LOUIS H. WILSON JR. (DDG 126)
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Dear Crew Member of General Wilson's Destroyer,

It is my distinct honor to welcome you aboard the pre-commissioning unit LOUIS H. WILSON, JR. (DDG 126). You are entrusted with the unique responsibility of bringing a U.S. Navy destroyer to life and establishing the standards of excellence that will define her for decades to come. As you do so, I challenge you to embrace our motto: "Greatness Prevails."

As we prepare for commissioning, each of you has the responsibility to embrace General Wilson's personal standard; always be ready for anything. This means maintaining the highest levels of physical and mental readiness. General Wilson demanded the best and achieved greatness through strength, resilience, endurance, leadership, loyalty, and sacrifice. I also expect the best from you.

Again, welcome to the team. I look forward to serving alongside you as we bring this great destroyer to life.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Jeff W. Benson".

CAPT Jeff W. Benson, USN
Commanding Officer

Greatness Prevails!!

Two parallel horizontal lines drawn in purple ink below the handwritten phrase.