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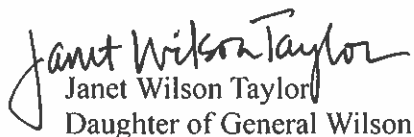
Greetings and Welcome Aboard!

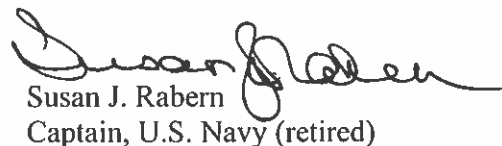
We are Janet Wilson Taylor and Susan J. Rabern, Captain, U.S. Navy (retired), the sponsors of your ship, the U.S.S. Louis H. Wilson Jr., DDG 126. We extend to you a warm welcome as you join the wardroom and crew.

Our enthusiasm for the ship is boundless and we hope this enthusiasm is contagious to you as you begin your assignment. Navy tradition designates sponsors as permanent honorary members of the crew, giving us a lifelong connection to the ship and the Sailors who serve onboard, along with their families. From the moment we were asked to be your ship's sponsors, through the inscription of our initials on her keel and to the christening, we have been arm-in-arm in our determination to be on watch for the constant well-being of the ship and the Sailors who serve on her. Your ship was named to honor the life and legacy of Medal of Honor recipient, U.S. Marine Corps General Louis H. Wilson, Jr. It was expertly constructed by the most talented shipbuilders in the United States at Bath Iron Works. The Commanding Officer, officers and crew have been carefully selected for their exceptional talent and skill from the ranks of the finest naval force the world has ever known.

The integrity, character and spirit of General Wilson are imbedded in the ship. We urge you to become familiar with his life story, from his humble upbringing in Brandon, Mississippi, to his heroism in Guam, to his rise in the ranks of the Marine Corps and assignment as Marine Corps Commandant. A leader without equal, a professional of exceptional character, integrity and good judgment, he valued hard work, demanded it of himself and of those within his team, regardless of rank. Now you are a member of his exceptional team. Your uniform bears his name as well as yours. We are confident that his character and devotion to duty will be reflected in your work and that you will represent him well.

As your ship sponsors, we have made a lifelong commitment to the ship. We have strong feelings about the ship's namesake and high expectations for your contribution to its mission. We are a unique team: Susan, as a retired Navy Captain with command, operations and training experience, and Janet, a Marine Corps junior and the daughter of General Wilson. We are a team, dedicated to your individual success and to the success of the ship for as long as she sails in the decades ahead. We consider it an honor to be the sponsors of the U.S.S. Louis H. Wilson Jr. Immediately after christening, with our hands on her newly constructed hull, we prayed for the safety and security of the ship and her crew. Be assured we are with you every day in spirit and in our prayers as we ask the One who commands the winds and the waves to always give you fair winds and following seas.


Janet Wilson Taylor
Daughter of General Wilson


Susan J. Rabern
Captain, U.S. Navy (retired)