



From: Commanding Officer, USS *Barry* (DDG 52)

To: BARRY Bulldog

Subj: WELCOME ABOARD!

1. Congratulations on your orders to USS *Barry* (DDG 52)! *Barry* is the fourth U.S. Navy ship to be named after the Revolutionary War hero, Commodore John Barry, the Father of the American Navy. His selfless fight for the freedom of our nation nearly 250 years ago continues to inspire to this day. We also pride ourselves on being one of the most tested and capable destroyers in the Fleet!

2. You should expect that your sponsor will be in contact with you shortly. Make sure to advise your sponsor of your anticipated date and time of arrival to the ship, as well as any questions or concerns you have regarding your transfer and travel to Seattle, WA. I would also encourage you and our family to follow USS BARRY on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ussbarrybulldogs) and Instagram (@ussbarrybulldogs) to stay up-to-date on the many accomplishments and activities of the Crew!

3. *Barry* is currently homeported in Seattle, WA in support of maintenance requirements at Vigor Shipyard that began in early 2024. You should expect that *Barry* will remain at Vigor Shipyard until approximately Spring of 2025 when she returns to daily operations in Everett, WA.

4. If you or your spouse would like to get in contact with *Barry*'s Ombudsman, please send an e-mail to ussbarryombudsman@outlook.com. I also invite your immediate family and significant others to join the *Barry* Ombudsman Facebook page for community updates, ship events, and other communication with the Ombudsman (www.facebook.com/groups/ddg52omb). We know that transferring commands and moving to a new location can be stressful to families, do not hesitate to let your sponsor or your Chain of Command (CoC) know where *Barry* can assist to help lessen some of the challenges.

5. Again, Welcome Aboard Bulldog! On behalf of the entire Crew, we are excited for you to join Team *Barry* and join us in bringing *Barry* back into the fight in 2025! I look forward to serving with you!

Strength and Diversity!

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large loop followed by a horizontal line that extends to the right.

A. L. ROSETI
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer, USS BARRY (DDG 52)