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NARR/REF A IS NAVADMIN 163/23 ANNOUNCING THE NAVY'S SUPPORT OF THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN 2026 AND DIRECTS THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO CONDUCT THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL NAVAL REVIEW (INR) IN NEW YORK CITY HARBOR ON 4 JULY 2026.

RMKS/1. America's Warfighting Navy: beginning this month, our Navy team launched a two-year campaign to celebrate our Navy and our Nation's 250th Birthday through a series of leadership outreach events, multilateral exercises, and community engagements. These Navy and Nation 250 activities will highlight the importance of our Navy to our Nation's security and prosperity, showcase our ability to meet our Title X mission in advancing our national interests in both peacetime and prevailing in times of war, and inspire a new generation of Americans to take up a national call to maritime service.

2. To do this, we will align messaging fleetwide across the many Navy and Nation 250 events such as our Flagship events in Philadelphia and the International Naval Review in New York, as well as Fleet Weeks, Navy Weeks, Blue Angels air shows, Navy sporting events, commissionings and christenings, and port calls around the world.

3. In addition to these efforts, we must lead at every level, from the deck plates to the Pentagon, to highlight the proud legacy of America's Warfighting Navy and our identity as a maritime nation. I invite each of you to celebrate and align Navy and Nation 250 messaging through outreach events such as All-Hands calls, MWR events, command and community milestone celebrations, community outreach, Ally and partner engagements, local events, family days, and traditional and social media engagements.

4. Use the Navy and Nation 250 language in the communication strategy at our website: <https://www.navy.mil/Navy-250/> and the messages below to align our communications and highlight Navy's unique commitment to national security, support of Allies and partners, and our unique career opportunities:

a. 250 Years of Maritime Security

(1) America is a maritime nation. Since before our nation's inception, America's Warfighting Navy has sailed the globe in defense of freedom.

(2) The Navy's ability to control the sea and project power has kept conflict far from our shores.

(3) For 250 years, America's Warfighting Navy has deterred aggression, defended our national security interests, and preserved our way of life.

(4) Today, 90 percent of the global economy moves by sea, 95 percent of international communications transmit via undersea fiber optic cables, and in the U.S. alone, seaborne trade generates \$5.4 trillion annually. The seas that we have protected for 250 years support 31 million American jobs.

b. The United States Navy is here to preserve the peace, respond in crisis, and be ready to win decisively in war, if called.

(1) From seabed to space, in cyberspace, and in the information environment, the Navy delivers power for peace - always postured and ready to fight and win as part of the Joint Force and alongside our Allies and partners.

(2) Today and every day, nearly 100 ships and submarines are deployed and the world's most advanced naval aircraft are patrolling the skies worldwide.

(3) America's Navy is flying, sailing, and operating everywhere international law allows so everyone else can too.

#### c. Allies and Partners

(1) America's Warfighting Navy does not operate alone. Our maritime services build partnerships, strengthen Alliances and partnerships, and deter adversaries.

(2) We deploy our combat-ready Sailors alongside our Allies and partners in faraway waters, forcing our adversaries to face a persistent reality - a fight with America's Warfighting Navy is costly and ultimately unwinnable.

(3) The Navy's strong network of maritime Allies and partners is essential in today's strategic environment.

#### d. Our People

(1) Service in the Navy is more than just a job, it is an adventure. It provides the opportunity to become the best version of ourselves and serve our country.

(2) Though America's Navy operates the world's most sophisticated weapons systems, it is our highly skilled people - at sea and ashore - who give us an unmatched strategic advantage.

(3) Our Sailors and civilians are trained and ready with the right skills, tools, and mindset to protect America's interests around the world - on, under, and above the seas.

(4) America's Navy offers unparalleled opportunities for adventure and exploration. We have 51 major bases around the globe, and our Sailors have the chance to travel the world and experience different cultures, all while investing in themselves through excellent training and education.

5. Our 250th birthday, and that of our Nation, is a unique, once-in-a-generation opportunity to demonstrate the importance of the United States

Navy and the exceptional contributions of our active and reserve Sailors, and Navy civilians. Coordinate with your PAOs and get out there and tell our story! Use #AmericasNavy250 in your social posts, and visit <https://www.navy.mil/Navy-250/> to learn how you can teach the Nation about our Navy's story! All ahead flank!

6. Released by ADM L. M. Franchetti, 33rd Chief of Naval Operations and MCPON J. M. Honea, 16th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

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