



*Atlantic Ocean (Nov. 4, 2005) The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) is reflected in a set of "Big Eyes" binoculars on the signal bridge of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). U.S. Navy photo by **Photographer's Mate Airman Ricardo J. Reyes** (RELEASED)*

From the Bridge...

Dear USNPAA Members:

First of all, I'd like to wish all of you and your families a wonderful holiday season—a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a Happy Kwanzaa and a New Year filled with joy and good health. This is truly a great time of year, and I hope all of you can be with family and friends to share in the joy of the season.

As we bring 2019 to a close, I want to wrap up the year by thanking all of you who have made it a successful one. We have had 52 new members join us this year, bringing our total membership to 558.

Our reunion in September was a success, certainly judged by the many positive comments we received. I'll be talking to the board about plans for the next one soon after the New Year.

One of the things I wanted to rejuvenate when I assumed the presidency was to resume our professional development luncheons. We had our first one in November at the National Press Club with Mr. Brennan McKernan as our guest speaker. McKernan is a Navy intelligence analyst, and he spoke to us about the threats from China, Russia, Iran and North Korea. It was a sobering presentation. Five CHINFO staff members were able to join us. We're looking at another luncheon in late February/early March.



Rear Admiral Tom Jurkowsky

We are also moving out with our support to Rear Admiral Charlie Brown and the Navy Public Affairs Community. I've met with Charlie and the CHINFO liaison to the Association, LCDR Beth Teach, on a couple of occasions to discuss our support. Rear Admiral Brent Baker has built an



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action plan that outlines the type of support we are prepared to offer. We have reiterated to Charlie that the Association will only provide the type of support that he desires us to provide.

When Admiral Baker and I met with Charlie in early December, we also had the opportunity to do an 'all hands' type session with some CHINFO staff members. When we asked the group if they would like to hear some of our members' experiences and learn from those experiences, there were many head nods. Needless to say, I was most encouraged and very much look forward to arranging some brown bag lunches where Association members can meet with the Public Affairs community—officer, enlisted and civilian.

As the New Year unfolds, I would like to see outreach by Association members in the geographic areas where the Navy has a presence such as the Tidewater Region, Jacksonville, San Diego, Washington state. I think we have a lot to offer, especially when it comes to some of our experiences.

You will be pleased to know that Dick Thompson, our membership chair, is working on updating our directory. We received many updates at the reunion, and we also want to include our new members, of course. Dick tells me he should have the new directory out in a couple of weeks.

Again, I want to wish all of you and your families a glorious holiday season.

Sincerely,

Tom Jurkowsky



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USNPAA members and guests from CHINFO were on hand in November at the National Press Club as guest speaker, Mr. Brennan McKernan, a Navy Intelligence analyst spoke about global threats to the United States and its allies.

*Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah
Happy Kwanzaa
Happy New Year*



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Sightings

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