Dear Sir,

"I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to

defend freedom and Democracy around the world..." this powerful passage from the

Sailors Creed is recited in ranks every morning. I feel that I personally want to do the

best job possible serving our country because I truly represent those who have gone

before me.

We, the strongest military in the world, wouldn't be what we are today if it weren't

for those Airmen, Marines, Sailors, and Soldiers that had paved the way for us.

The brave men and women that served before me are now out of the service, but never

forgotten. They have set standards, customs, and traditions that we still abide by to this

day and hold true to our hearts.

To those brave men and woman I say thank you! Thank you for serving our

country and for paving the way for those that proudly serve today. God Bless your

family, you, and all the sacrifices you have made along the way.

Very Respectfully,

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