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Dear Future Team 108 Sailor:

Welcome aboard! It is an honor and a pleasure to welcome you on your assignment to one of the US Navy's finest and newest commissioned guided missile destroyer, USS WAYNE E. MEYER (DDG 108). As you begin your tour you will quickly learn the secret to WAYNE E. MEYER's success is in the winning attitude of her crew. Teamwork, pride and professionalism are in abundance aboard this fine warship and you are in for the most memorable tour of your Navy career. We are excited to welcome you as a shipmate.

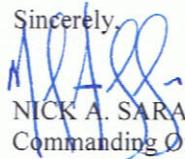
WAYNE E. MEYER was commissioned October 10, 2009 in Philadelphia, PA and is the first ship to bear this name and is named to honor the "Father of Aegis" himself. We have a superb crew who have made historical strides by breaking fleet-wide records during our initial certifications. Our officers and crew take great pride and stewardship of Admiral Wayne E. Meyer's superior reputation and is determined to make a difference. We look forward to your membership on our winning team.

Our crew comes from all walks of life, representing many states across the United States and various countries. Personal and professional development is emphasized onboard. Crewmembers will have the opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our ship and our Navy while advancing themselves. WAYNE E. MEYER's motto, "One Powerful Legacy" truly represents the ethos of our ship's crew.

As the 58th Arleigh Burke-class destroyer and the 100th Aegis Weapons System delivered to the Navy, WAYNE E. MEYER will be able to conduct a variety of operations varying from peacetime operations and anti-piracy, to power projection. Her inherent combat capability is, frankly, awesome. Whether she is launching fixed helicopters from her flight deck or racing to intercept anti-piracy operations, you'll find her to be a truly remarkable feat of engineering. But, her true strength lies in the men and women that man her and make 9,500 tons of steel come to life. You will be a part of that team and I thank you in advance for your service and commitment to advance peace, deter aggression and defend freedom around the world.

Again, welcome aboard and I look forward to meeting and working with you onboard one of the newest and most technologically advanced warships in the world. It is sure to be immensely challenging and fun and a fabulous opportunity to be part of something much bigger than oneself. You can be certain WAYNE E. MEYER will forever carry the pride of its builders and namesake each time we Sail the high seas.

Sincerely,



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Commanding Officer