

WELCOME ABOARD USS ZUMWALT (DDG 1000)

Congratulations on your assignment to our nation's newest and most advanced ship class. Your assignment in ZUMWALT will be challenging, but also extremely rewarding. You are joining the finest crew in the fleet; ZUMWALT Sailors are characterized by excellence, teamwork, respect, innovation and resilience. We are a small crew, so expect opportunities to learn and work across a much broader set of skills than you would in a traditional ship.

ZUMWALT is named for Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr who was one the Navy's most accomplished leaders. His 35 year Naval career began in 1939 as a Midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy and ended at his retirement in 1974. He was a highly decorated war veteran and the youngest officer to serve as Chief of Naval Operations. Admiral Zumwalt played a major role in Naval history from World War II through the Cold War, particularly during the Vietnam era. As CNO, he developed plans for many of the ships and aircraft in service today and reformed U.S. Navy personnel policies in an effort to improve quality of life, eliminate racism, and provide equal opportunity for all Sailors. Our motto, PAX PROPTER VIM (Peace through Power), honors his approach to service and visionary leadership; our crew embodies his legacy through our own diversity, determination, respect for one another, and personal sacrifice through service to our nation.

ZUMWALT Sailors are a combat-ready team who are professional, flexible, dependable, and focused on our mission. We embody Trust, Ownership and Pride as the foundation of success.

As you prepare for your arrival in ZUMWALT, you will find important information and points of contact included in your welcome aboard package and on the ship's webpage at

<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/ddg1000>

The Command Master Chief (cmc@ddg1000.navy.mil), Ombudsman (ombudsman.ddg1000@gmail.com), and Sponsor Coordinator (sponsor@ddg1000.navy.mil) are available to assist you during your transition and throughout your tour. In addition, your own sponsor should be reaching out to guide you through the arrival process.

I look forward to meeting you! Sea duty is the most challenging and rewarding assignment in our Navy and takes the very best to fulfill this obligation. You should be proud your assignment to DDG 1000 – welcome to team ZUMWALT!

Sincerely,



Gary L. Cave
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer