



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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Commodore Ivo Värk
Commander of the Estonian Navy
c/o USDAO Tallinn
4530 Tallinn Place
Washington, DC 20521-4530

Dear Commodore Värk,

During the summer of 2026, the United States of America will celebrate the 250th anniversary of our independence. The U.S. Navy will mark this extraordinary moment in our history with an International Naval Review (INR 250) on July 4, 2026 in the Port of New York and New Jersey. It is my distinct honor to invite you and your Navy to join us for this historic event.

Our INR traditions include the 1976 Bicentennial of the United States, the 1986 Centennial of the Statue of Liberty, and the 2000 Millennium Celebration. INR 250, the culmination of a two-year celebration of our Nation and Navy, will be the centerpiece of a weeklong event in New York City.

In June 2026, prior to the INR 250, U.S. Fleet Forces will host a Fleet Exercise in the Atlantic. We would be honored to have your ships, aircraft, or personnel participate in the Fleet Exercise as we build the warfighting capacities and capabilities of our navies.

Please reach out to CDR Alex McMahon via phone at +1-703-545-8181 or e-mail at alexander.m.mcmahon.mil@us.navy.mil with any questions.

I will be honored if you, your Sailors, ships, and aircraft will be able to join us for this once in a generation celebration. Your participation will add another chapter in our history of cooperation in the maritime commons.

Sincerely,

L. M. FRANCHETTI
Admiral, U.S. Navy