



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,

I am pleased to invite you and your Navy to two events in 2025 commemorating the U.S. Navy's 250th Anniversary: the 26th International Seapower Symposium and the U.S. Navy's 250th Anniversary Celebration. The 26th International Seapower Symposium is scheduled for October 7-10 in Newport, Rhode Island. The U.S. Navy's 250th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for October 9-16 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with an anniversary gala on October 11th.

You can expect additional details for each event via separate correspondence. If you or your staff have questions, please contact the appropriate planners.

- My point of contact for the 26th International Seapower Symposium in Newport, Rhode Island, is Commander Andrew Whaley, who can be reached by email at andrew.p.whaley.mil@us.navy.mil.
- My point of contact for the U.S. Navy's 250th Anniversary Celebration in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is Captain Craig Eubank, who can be reached by email at craig.a.eubank2.mil@us.navy.mil.

You and your Navy's presence at these events would greatly enhance the U.S. Navy's reflection on 250 years of maritime history and cooperation with Allies and Partners across the globe. I look forward to seeing you in Newport and Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. M. Franchetti", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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