



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

A MESSAGE FROM THE 33rd CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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On behalf of the active and reserve Sailors and civilians of America's Warfighting Navy, it is both an honor and a privilege for me to recognize the official ringing of America's Freedom Bell on this year's Veterans Day.

Today, just as the Liberty Bell tolled in Philadelphia to warn of the engagements at Lexington and Concord and chimed after the signing of the Constitution, America's Freedom Bell will ring in recognition of all our courageous veterans who answered our Nation's call to service.

This Freedom Bell stands as a solemn reminder to the selfless service and sacrifice made by all of our Nation's veterans throughout our storied 249-year history. And on this day of honor, recognition, and reflection, when you hear our America's Freedom Bell ring, think back on those who gave their last full measure of devotion to deter aggression, defend our national security interests, and preserve our way of life.

To all of our armed forces around the world, I could not be more proud to serve alongside you. Thank you for making the decision to serve, thank you for supporting our veterans, and thank you for living up to our Nation's legacy of Warfighting Excellence every day.

Best wishes and may America's Freedom Bell continue to honor our armed forces of past, present, and future.

Sincerely,

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