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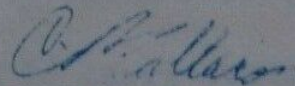
To the citizens of Santa Monica:

I wish to welcome you to the Thomaston and hope that your visit aboard is interesting and pleasant.

The officers and crew of the ship are very proud of their "home" - for some its been so for over four years - and we are glad to have the opportunity to have an "open house" for the public. This pamphlet should answer many of your questions about the ship and the Navy, but if you have more, feel free to ask me, the officers or any of the crew.

Although I wasn't aboard the Thomaston last year during its visit to Santa Monica, I know that those who were here had an enjoyable stay. We are pleased to be in Santa Monica again this Fourth of July week-end and thank you for your hospitality.

Sincerely,



C. P. CALLAHAN
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer

THE UNITED STATES NAVY

GUARDIAN OF OUR COUNTRY

The United States Navy is responsible for maintaining control of the sea and is a ready force on watch at home and overseas, capable of strong action to preserve the peace or of instant offensive action to win in war. It is upon the maintenance of this control that our country's glorious future depends; the United States Navy exists to make it so.

WE SERVE WITH HONOR

Tradition, valor, and victory are the Navy's heritage from the past. To these may be added dedication, discipline, and vigilance as the watchwords of the present and the future. At home or on distant stations we serve with pride, confident in the respect of our country, our shipmates, and our families. Our responsibilities sober us; our adversities strengthen us. Service to God and Country is our special privilege. We serve with honor.

THE FUTURE OF THE NAVY

The Navy will always employ new weapons, new techniques, and greater power to protect and defend the United States on the sea, under the sea, and in the air. Now and in the future, control of the sea gives the United States her greatest advantage for the maintenance of peace and for victory in war. Mobility, surprise, dispersal, and offensive power are the keynotes of the new Navy. The roots of the Navy lie in a strong belief in the future, in continued dedication to our tasks, and in reflection on our heritage from the past.

Never have our opportunities and our responsibilities been greater.