

**BRAVO ZULU NAVAL MESSAGE:**

FROM: **US NAVY TASK FORCE 53 COMMANDER** - OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF)  
TO: US NAVAL UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT TANKER/SUPPLY SHIP **USNS LARAMIE (T-AO 203)**

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**TO USNS LARAMIE**

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RMKS/1. **BRAVO ZULU. I AM PROUD TO CONVEY THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF OUR STAFF TO THE CREW OF USNS LARAMIE (T-AO 203) FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT WHILE OPERATING IN THE CENTCOM AOR. LARAMIE'S EXPERTISE IN LOGISTIC OPERATIONS AT SEA WAS A SUPERB EXAMPLE OF INITIATIVE AND TEAMWORK. DEMONSTRATING STEADY LEADERSHIP AND EXPERT SEAMANSHIP YOU PROVIDED FORCE PROTECTION FEEDBACK AND EXCEPTIONAL AAR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ENHANCED THE SAFE NAVIGATION OF A CRITICAL LOGISTICS PORT. LARAMIE'S PERFORMANCE IN HIGH OP TEMPO ENVIRONMENT WAS INSTRUMENTAL TO THE SUCCESS OF FIFTH FLEET LOGISTICS OPERATIONS.**

2. THE REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LARAMIE WHILE ASSIGNED TO CTF 53 INCLUDE UNMATCHED SUPPORT TO THE HARRY S. TRUMAN STRIKE GROUP, THE PELELIU AND KEARSARGE AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP, AS WELL AS COALITION NAVAL FORCES. YOUR DEDICATION TO THE LOGISTICS MISSION WAS VITAL IN KEEPING FIFTH FLEET NAVAL FORCES COMBAT READY. LARAMIE ALWAYS EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS WHILE SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY CONDUCTING 116 UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT EVENTS; TRANSFERRING 15.5 MILLION GALLONS OF F76 FUEL, 2.5 MILLION GALLONS OF F44 FUEL, 4,600

PALLETS OF CARGO AND PROVISIONS AND 136 MILITARY PERSONNEL IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM, OPERATION NEW DAWN AND MARITIME SECURITY OPERATIONS.

3. AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY AND STEAM TOWARD NEW CHALLENGES, PLEASE TAKE WITH YOU OUR BEST WISHES AND SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RETURN. UNTIL THEN, FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS.

4. RELEASED BY JESUS V. CANTU CAPT, SC, USN.//

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