



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY  
2000 NAVY PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON DC 20350-2000

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Dear Petty Officer Little:

Congratulations on your successful career! You leave an indelible mark on our Navy's history, and our nation owes you a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. The leadership, mentorship, and stewardship you provided to your Sailors has set a high standard.

The personal and professional sacrifices you weathered throughout your distinguished career were for a noble purpose. You are one of the few in our nation who voluntarily raised their hand to support and defend the freedoms we hold so dear. Your family displayed amazing pride in your accomplishments as you deployed, time and again, to keep them safe. You and your family have lived a life few will understand. You have earned this truly memorable day.

As honors are rendered today and we say farewell to a Shipmate and your family, please accept my sincere appreciation for your service to our Sailors, Navy, and Nation.

I wish you and your family all the best! Shipmate going ashore!

Sincerely,

J. M. HONEA  
16<sup>th</sup> Master Chief Petty  
Officer of the Navy