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Admiral E. R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.)

Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

Thank you for your letters of 4 April and 17 June 1991.

As you know the Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. Our mission then and now was to ensure that the American public is aware that the United States is a maritime nation whose very existence depends on access to the markets and resources of the world - and that this access is possible only if we maintain strong maritime forces.

Our 70,000 plus members, are, in the majority, civilians who have had no military service. We are not a veterans group, although we are supportive of these dedicated americans who have served their country. We neither lobby congress nor advocate specific weapons systems or platforms. We do advocate a strong maritime capability which, of course, includes proper personnel support to include medical care.

We are totally sympathetic to the needs of all disabled veterans and are confident that a proper resolution of the impact of agent orange will be reached. However, we will not be joining your council as you have requested.

I wish you well in your efforts.

Very Respectfully,

Dudley L. Carlson  
Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)  
Executive Director