

RALPH M. TUCKER

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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., U. S. Navy (Retired)
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

Since you have received considerable criticism for your policies in running our Navy, I would like to let you know that there are plenty of us out here who think your policies were right.

From my experience on active duty from 1943 to 1973 I am 100 percent convinced that the innovations you made to improve the ~~life~~ lives of our officer and enlisted personnel were badly needed and long overdue. Not only were they good business, as the reenlistment rates show, they were right and fair.

Your policies with regard to our combat capability now and in the future, I believe, were well-conceived, given the fiscal restraints that existed.

Please accept my gratitude for the superb service you have rendered the Navy and the Nation.

Sincerely,

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Captain, USN (Ret)

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Dear Captain Tucker,

Your encouraging letter has reinforced my conviction that our great Navy has made some giant steps. It comes at a time when I am turning over command, but I know that the progress of the past four years will continue under Admiral Holloway's leadership and with the help of a strong supportive retired community. My greatest regret is leaving the wonderful people who make this Navy what it is.

Please accept my appreciation for your flattering remarks, and the kind message on the occasion of my retirement. Our futures can still have the fun and zest of life even though our Navy days are behind us. You have my best wishes for continued happiness and a good life.

Warm regards,

Captain Ralph M. Tucker, USN, Retired

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