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From: Advanced Undersea Systems Program Manager (PMS394)
To: Commander, Military Sealift Command; USNS Apache (T-ATF 172)

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1. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the tremendous efforts and professionalism of the Captain and Crew of USNS Apache (T-ATF 172) and the supporting Military Sealift Command (MSC) staff. Their support directly contributed to a successful exercise at Bold Monarch, achieving many "firsts" for the submarine rescue community in a very compressed schedule.

2. The Captain and Crew of USNS Apache, and the staff of MSC, went to great lengths to ensure the success of the mission. Specifically, supporting a new modification to USNS APACHE to support the Submarine Rescue Diving and Recompression System (SRDRS) during an already busy overhaul, numerous potentially hazardous mooring evolutions all completed successfully, and your hospitality to numerous personnel, visitors and VIPs straining the limited APACHE messing and berthing capabilities. Your efforts to meet each new challenge with quick professional response and can do attitude made everything run smoothly.

3. Thank you again for your outstanding support and efforts to ensure success during the exercise at Bold Monarch. PMS 394 and the whole submarine rescue community look forward to working with Military Sealift Command again in the execution of this vital mission of submarine rescue. Job WELL DONE!


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