



COMMANDER
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Dear Captain Siepert:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the crew of USNS BRIDGE for your support on the Nanoose Range the first week of February. Your participation was vital in testing and evaluating future naval capabilities, specifically the Surface Ship Torpedo Defense (SSTD) System.

You and your crew showed a professional and "CAN DO" attitude that started with the planning stages and extended through to completion of testing. Evolutions such as these, although often seeming monotonous, really are vital during the early phases of combat system development.

I hope it also provided some opportunities for your crew to perfect ship handling skills. My team mentioned that you nailed the speed/position requirements for the test.

Thanks again and it is always a pleasure working with you and the fine crew of USNS BRIDGE. I look forward to seeing you on-range again soon.

BZ !

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. E. Iwanowicz".

S. E. IWANOWICZ
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