



GEORGE BUSH

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Dear Friends,

I salute your efforts to put the former USS John F Kennedy back to work for America as a family attraction, education and job training center, museum and memorial.

As her former Commander-in-Chief, I can personally attest to the valiant service rendered by the crew of "Big John" on my watch, to include the Libyan threat, Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

The combination of Rhode Island's significant Navy history and President Kennedy's connections to Newport make Narragansett Bay a particularly fitting site for this initiative. As you know, I also trained as a Naval Aviator in these waters prior to my deployment to the Pacific during WWII.

In closing, I wish you the best of luck in your efforts to give this Cold War warrior new life and another opportunity to serve her country.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Bush".