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Dear Dependents and Friends of the USS NASSAU,

You are cordially invited to participate in NASSAU's first Family and Guest Cruise on Friday, 24 August 1979. This event is an especially proud occasion inasmuch as it will mark the union of NASSAU and her crew's loved ones and give you all the opportunity to see the ship which our men worked so hard to bring to life.

As you know, the past six months have been long and tedious for NASSAU's crew. Days of leisure both at Norfolk and Pascagoula were the exception rather than the rule and I can assure you that without the complete cooperation and "can do" attitude of the crew, NASSAU would not be here in Norfolk today, proud and ready to do her job.

Because of the heavy shipping traffic in Norfolk on Fridays, I ask that you and your friends be on board NASSAU not later than 7:15 AM. We expect to depart the pier at 8 AM. We will have a noon luncheon at sea and tour guides will be available, although I have authorized the Executive Officer to adjust watches in order that your NASSAU sailor can share some time with you. We expect to return to the Naval Station not later than 4 PM.

Safety considerations regrettably prohibit guests under 8 years of age from participating. I recommend that because of the ship's numerous ladders, ladies wear flat shoes or sneakers.

Parking arrangements are being coordinated with Norfolk Naval Station and are not firm at this time. However, I anticipate no problems, and when firm word is received, I will pass it on to your sponsors.

My wife Tammy and I are looking forward to meeting you and sharing this occasion together.

Sincerely,

W. A. KEARNS, Jr.
Captain, U. S. Navy