

The White House - July 30, 1987

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It gives me great pleasure to send warm greetings to all those who served aboard the U.S.S. DES MOINES gathered for their second annual reunion.

Each of you has gone his separate way in the world, but -- as this reunion proves once again -- your service and sacrifice together forged a bond of fellowship that time and distance cannot break. Together you confronted danger and endured terrible hardships, and together you rose to the challenge; you never faltered. Many of your brothers gave their last full measure of devotion so that others might live in freedom. Your accomplishments in defense of liberty will never be forgotten, and America's debt to you will remain far more than we can ever repay.

I take a moment with you to honor your brothers who can no longer answer roll call. God bless you all.

Ronald Reagan

# Governor of Virginia - 1987



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

I am pleased to send warm greetings on the occasion of the second reunion of those who served on the USS Des Moines. I hope you will enjoy this opportunity to visit the former home port of the USS Des Moines and to renew old friendships and acquaintances.

You have my very best wishes for an enjoyable reunion celebration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James C. Baker".

Governor