



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN  
U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY  
101 BUCHANAN ROAD  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21402-5100

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Dear Parents, Relatives, and Friends,

As we look forward to the spring semester and the anticipation of the many achievements of the Brigade, I hope you were able to enjoy some quality time with your midshipmen and partake in the many traditions of the Holiday Season. We were blessed that all of our midshipmen returned safely on 8 January, eager to embrace the challenges that lie ahead during the second half of the academic year. We are particularly excited for the Class of 2010 who are working hard to graduate and earn their commissions in the Navy and Marine Corps in just over four months. The coming weeks will certainly prove challenging as the Brigade readjusts to the classroom and the many demands on its time, but I remain confident in its ability to confront these challenges with a positive attitude and a winning mindset as it has throughout my tenure as Commandant.

Recently, I received word from the Brigade and my staff concerning the alleged theft of some textbooks and other personal items during the Holiday Leave Period. My staff and I have taken immediate action to investigate this matter to determine the culprit and potential degree of permeation throughout the Brigade. Currently, a Department of Defense police detective is in the process of conducting a full investigation of this issue to ensure our Naval Academy Family is attended to promptly and appropriately. As my staff and I are always critically concerned with the security of our midshipmen and their personal belongings, I will absolutely provide you with the results of this investigation as soon as they become available.

Please accept my warmest wishes for a safe and healthy New Year. I hope everyone in our Naval Academy Family continues to be blessed and I look forward to seeing you during the spring semester.

NAVY BLUE & GOLD FOREVER!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matt Klunder", is positioned above the typed name.

Matt Klunder  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commandant of Midshipmen