



USS TICONDEROGA
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DESERT STORM

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DEDICATION

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DEDICATE THIS TOME OF FOND MEMORIES TO ALL THOSE HARD CHARGING, MOTIVATED, MATURE, PROFESSIONALS WHO COMPRISE THE CREW OF THE UNITED STATES SHIP **TICONDEROGA**. THROUGH THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS AND UNSWERVING DEVOTION TO DUTY, THE MEN OF **TICONDEROGA** WERE A SYMBOL OF EXTRAORDINARY MILITARY POWER AND STRENGTH; THE FIRST AEGIS CRUISER ON SCENE DURING THE ONSET OF THE DESERT SHIELD. HER RETURN TO THE DESERT STORM THEATER WAS A QUIET REMINDER OF FORMIDABLE NAVAL MIGHT, READY AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE. OUR DEPLOYMENT FOR THE MOST PART BLOSSOMED INTO A JOURNEY OF GOODWILL AMBASSADORSHIP IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

IT WOULD BE IMPROPER TO DISREGARD THE INTENSE PERSONAL SACRIFICE SHARED BY THE FAMILIES OF THESE **TICONDEROGA** WARRIORS IN THIS DEDICATION. THE FLAMES OF OUR MOTIVATION ARE FUELED AND STOKED BY THE ETERNAL SUPPORT, STRENGTH AND LOVE OF OUR WOMEN, OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. WITHOUT THOSE BONFIRES OF HOPE AND UNDERSTANDING LIGHTING OUR WAY BACK HOME, WE WOULD SURELY FALTER AND PERISH. TO THE PROUD AMERICAN MEN OF THE **USS TICONDEROGA** WE LEAVE THESE MEMORIES TO YOU ...

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