



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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Colonel Robert K. Lyman
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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley

For 38 years Captain Timothy Sparks has served our country as a member of the United States Navy, the last three as both the Deputy Commander of the Joint Base and Commanding Officer of the Naval Support Activity here at Joint Base Charleston. On July 21, 2016, the men and women of Joint Base Charleston, as well as numerous local officials and community leaders, will honor Captain Sparks on the occasion of his retirement.

I respectfully request that you sign a letter of appreciation for Captain Sparks (draft attached) for this momentous occasion. A letter from you, celebrating his service to the Nation and the State of South Carolina, will be a great capstone in recognizing his service.

Captain Sparks enlisted in the Navy in 1978 and served as a nuclear-trained Machinist's Mate in various commands, eventually earning the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Selected for the Limited Duty Officer program, he was commissioned as an Ensign in 1990. As an officer, Captain Sparks served in numerous leadership and command billets, culminating his career here at Joint Base Charleston. Captain Sparks has demonstrated superior leadership, visionary foresight, and unfailing dedication in support of Joint Base Charleston and our more than 60 mission partners, including thousands of personnel from all the military services.

We are understandably proud of the service of both Captain Sparks and his wife Brenda. Thank you for your attention to this matter and your recognition of the Sparks' service.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert K. Lyman", is positioned below the word "Sincerely".

Robert K. Lyman, Colonel, USAF

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Dear Governor Haley

On July 21, 2016, Captain Timothy Sparks will retire from the United States Navy after 38 years of exemplary service. No member of the United States military is able to provide such exemplary service without the unwavering support of their family. That is certainly the case for Captain Sparks. For 36 years, Captain Sparks' partner, his wife Brenda, has been by his side, supporting him. Moreover, with tireless effort she has supported all the service members, and their families, most recently here at Joint Base Charleston, but continuously over their entire Navy career.

Thus, I respectfully request that you sign a letter of appreciation for Brenda Sparks (draft attached) for this momentous occasion. A letter from you, thanking Brenda for her service and support will be a great capstone at the retirement.

Brenda Sparks has served at multiple installations as a key sponsor of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the Navy Wives Club of America, volunteering her time to run Navy Thrift stores and to ensure Sailors and Marines can receive needed financial and education assistance during difficult times. She has served as a mentor, working tirelessly to ensure the families of our deployed service members are cared for. Each installation she has touched has benefited from her efforts to build a sense of community and family, as she served on installation housing boards and even hosted monthly cooking classes.

Just as we are understandably proud of the service of Captain Sparks, we are proud of Brenda's service. Thank you for your attention to this matter and in advance for the contribution a letter of appreciation to Brenda Sparks will have to Captain Sparks' retirement ceremony.

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NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

[DATE]

Mrs. Brenda Sparks
Joint Base Charleston
Charleston, South Carolina 29404

Dear Mrs. Sparks

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, and on the occasion of your husband's retirement from the United States Navy after 38 years of exemplary service, I congratulate you on your service, your sacrifices, and your contributions to the members of the United States military over those years.

Whether it was your service to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, or the Navy Wives Club of America, or all of your efforts as a mentor caring for the families of our service members, you have continuously supported all the service families at each duty station to which you have been posted over the years, most recently here at Joint Base Charleston.

Michael and I express our highest regard for your service and sincere appreciation for you and your family's dedication to the Nation. We send our best wishes and wish you and your family success in your future. God bless.

My very best,

Nikki R. Haley

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Captain Timothy G. Sparks
United States Navy
Joint Base Charleston
Charleston, South Carolina 29404

Dear Captain Sparks

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, I congratulate you on an extraordinary military career. It is with immense pride that we honor and appreciate your service to the United States Navy and Joint Base Charleston here in the great state of South Carolina. You have served our Nation for 38 years, unwaveringly sacrificing to preserve our freedoms. In particular, your leadership as Deputy Commander of the Joint Base and Commanding Officer of the Naval Support Activity has been instrumental in making Joint Base Charleston one of the premier military installations in the world.

Michael and I express our highest regard for your service and sincere appreciation for you and your family's dedication to the Nation. We send our best wishes and wish you and your family success in your future. God bless.

My very best,

Nikki R. Haley