



**Commander  
U.S. SEVENTH Fleet**

13 Feb 14

Dear Mr. Thorand,

I want to express my personal gratitude to you and the Navy League of the United States - Eastern Seaboard, Thailand Council, for the generous hospitality extended to Sailors from ships and submarines, as well as aviation and diving detachments of the U.S. SEVENTH Fleet. The people to people events that you coordinated and the welcome receptions that you hosted enriched port visits for many Sailors and Marines, allowing them to become better acquainted with Thai people and experience some of the richness of Thailand's culture and heritage.

In addition to cherished memories, learning the techniques of Thai cuisine by hotel chefs, familiarizing students with Navy diving equipment and playing soccer with collegians are valued activities that develop or highlight the knowledge, skills, and abilities of our Sailors. I also noted with pleasure those events that Thai and American military personnel conducted together, as they are occasions when personal relationships can be formed and the bonds between the United States SEVENTH Fleet and the Royal Thai Navy can be strengthened. When they have the opportunity to make port visits, I have directed my Commanders to focus their planning efforts on those types of events that involve members of the host nation military.

On behalf of the U.S. SEVENTH Fleet, again thank you and the Navy League of the United States - Eastern Seaboard, Thailand Council for your continuing support for our Sailors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. L. Thomas".

R. L. THOMAS  
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

Mr. Peter Thorand  
President  
Navy League Eastern Seaboard  
Thailand Council