

## THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

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Captain Gregory F. Streeter, US Navy (Ret) Chairman, Navy Normandy Monument Committee <u>Naval Order of the United S</u>tates

Dear Captain Streeter,

As your organization approaches the final stretch towards dedication of the U.S. Navy Monument at Utah Beach, France, it is my pleasure to send you this official notification of American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) approval of your monument, in accordance with Title 36 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. This final approval follows the tentative approval of your plans in November 2005 and our subsequent approval of the monument's text in July 2007.

We approve this private monument with the understanding that it will not be constructed on land maintained by ABMC and that you have negotiated an agreement with the French town of Sainte Marie du Mont and the Utah Beach Museum to assure the future maintenance of the monument.

As always, we appreciate your dedication to appropriately honor the U.S. Navy's role on D-Day and your efforts to tell the stories of the courageous sailors that participated in the landings and ensuing operations.

Best wishes for a successful and memorable dedication event.

Sincerely,

William J. Leszczynski, Jr. Brigadier General, US Army (Ret) Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer