COMMANDING OFFICER
USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70)
FPO AP 96629-2840

April 25, 2003

Dear CARL VINSON Spouse,

Since 1984 the armed services have demonstrated a deep appreciation and respect for military spouses by setting aside a special day to acknowledge your significant and meaningful contributions. This year, May 9, 2003 has been selected as *Military Spouse Appreciation Day*.

In recognition of your extraordinary efforts I would like to pass on my personal and most heartfelt thanks for your tenacious commitment, which enables your military spouse to serve our country with honor and pride. Given the uncertainty of world events it is even more important, during a deployment such as this, that our Officers and Sailors have a rock-solid foundation of support at home. It is this foundation you so selflessly provide that allows us to continue the fight for freedom across America and around the world. Your unflagging dedication in ensuring the welfare of our families at home is the basis of our continued mission success.

Your tremendous sacrifice and unwavering support as a military spouse cannot be praised enough and I salute each of you for your contributions to our country and the United States Navy. Although we will not be there to celebrate this day with you, know that we will be thinking of you and wish you the very best until our return.

Again, thank you for your courage, commitment and unparalleled level of support to your spouse, our shipmates and our great nation.

Sincerely,

R. B. WREN
Captain, U. S. Navy