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Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I report to you the Class of '78-sponsored book *Leadership Embodied* has been delivered by the US Naval Institute Press. It is a very impressive hard bound text with 49 chapters, 46 illustrations, 3 appendices and the Class of '78 Crest in the frontispiece with the words "A Gift from the US Naval Academy Class of 1978." The positive reaction of the Mids has been overwhelming. This book will serve as a first component to the professional library of each graduating class for the next several years.

Publication of this work would have been impossible without the diligent efforts and leadership of Class President Glen Woods and Class Legacy Gift Chairperson Sean Coffey. Through its participation in the Naval Academy's *Leaders to Serve the Nation* Campaign and support of the Academy's strategic priorities including Leadership Excellence initiatives, the Class of '78 will be making a significant impact on the education of combat leaders for the Navy and Marine Corps for many years to come.

The many prominent Naval Historians that contributed to this book did so *gratis*, enabling us to keep production costs low while creating an excellent resource for Midshipmen. We should all be very proud of this unique and very relevant gift. Copies of the book will be made available for purchase through the US Naval Institute Press in the near future. If there are any questions about the content, format, or future editions of *Leadership Embodied*, please contact the principal editor, LtCol Joe Thomas at (410) 293-7600.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Leidig".

CHARLES J. LEIDIG
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