



PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICER
GETTYSBURG (CG 64)

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Dear Representative Cole,

Thank you for making time in your busy schedule last Wednesday to meet with me regarding the upcoming commissioning of USS GETTYSBURG. I enjoyed meeting you and Representative DeWeese, and appreciate your kind offer to present me to the House. I regret that my afternoon schedule precluded my accepting your offer. Thank you also for the Pennsylvania Manual. It has already proven its worth and will be of great value in the months ahead.

My visit to Gettysburg was very productive, and we are well on the way to ensuring close, positive ties between the ship and the community. A number of the community leaders I spoke with expressed interest in organizing an effort to host the officers and men of GETTYSBURG when they visit the battlefield, and I am confident this will bring the ship and community closer together. I was equally gratified by the interest shown in community involvement in the commissioning events. I hope to have the commissioning committee formed by the end of next month so that planning can commence for that involvement.

Again, thank you for your interest and time. I will keep you apprised of our plans for the commissioning as they develop.

Sincerely,


John M. Langknecht
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