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Dear distinguished members of the NAA and shipmates,

This past weekend, I formally handed over my duties and responsibilities as Chairman of the NAA to my very good friend Capt Erik Boe, Royal Norwegian Navy.

Reflecting on my very short year as your Chairman, I am reminded of the exemplary support that I received from all Board of Directors, who always provided me with their best advice and assisted me with all aspects of my chairmanship. It was a true privilege and honor to serve all of you as your chairman.

From the inaugural family BBQ shared in September where we welcomed new members and re-acquainted ourselves with good friends, to the culminating spring event at the Embassy of New Zealand - the highly regarded International Cuisine Night - we have together enjoyed an excellent year of professional development and socializing amongst good friends. I offer my sincere thanks to all organizers and participants of these events. Ultimately through your participation, we continued and continue to promote our maritime interests, networks, alliances and partnerships among our navies.

Rest assured that Erik is well poised and along with a renewed team of board members, will continue to maintain the very high professional standards and quality of events deserving of our Association. Finally, I know that I can count on your full support and participation in maintaining the reputation of our Naval Attaché Association.

Maggie and I will always cherish the many friendships and the wonderful times spent with each and every one of you over the last three years. We wish you the very best for the future; *fair winds and following seas.*

Sincerely Marc.

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