



THE HONORABLE VICTOR H. SCHIRO
Mayor of the City of New Orleans

To All Officers And Crew of the
USS NEW ORLEANS

Be it known that the City of New Orleans welcomes to the gallant war fleet of the United States Navy, the new LPH Ship, "New Orleans."

Previous warships bearing the name New Orleans have acquitted themselves with honor, bravery and distinction, and we are confident that should the need arise, the new "New Orleans" will serve nobly the cause to which our country is constitutionally dedicated.

It is particularly fitting and proper that this historic and proud event should occur in the year 1968, the 250th Birthday year of the City after which she is named.

Given under my hand and Seal of the City of New Orleans.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Victor H. Schiro". The signature is written in a cursive style with some bold, sweeping strokes. Below the signature is a small double quote mark.

Victor H. Schiro
Mayor.