

The Honorable Richard V. Spencer
US Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Spencer:

I am writing in support of naming a Navy warship for **Joe Rosenthal**, the man who photographed the flag raising on Iwo Jima. As you know, his photo became a symbol around the world of the United States Marine Corps and our Nation's resolve to defeat our enemies.

Joe, an Honorary Marine, showed the same courage climbing Mt. Suribachi as the Marines did that day. The Marines carried their rifles, but Joe had only his camera. Within days of taking the photo, it appeared on over 200 Sunday newspaper covers and raised the spirits of the American people. Within months it helped raise \$26.3 billion for the wartime Treasury. No other photograph in history has had nearly the impact as "Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima."

Please add my vote of support for the USS Joe Rosenthal to the 1,000s of signatures you have received from Americans across the Nation.

Joe Rosenthal's courage and contribution to our history deserves to be honored and remembered. His name deserves to be on a US Navy warship. Please grant him that honor.

Thank you.

Sincerely,