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Presence. Power. The Department of the Navy's fundamental mission is to ensure stability, deter potential adversaries, and present options in times of crisis. We do that by maintaining presence around the globe, around the clock. Our ability to maintain that presence depends on access to secure, reliable energy.

Today's global security environment is characterized by the development and fielding of capabilities that seek to inhibit our movement and deny us freedom of action at the very times and places our presence is most critical. Political instability and regional conflict in areas like the Middle East and Central Asia have the potential to disrupt global energy markets. Diversifying our fuel supplies and optimizing our energy use helps ensure we have the energy we need, when and where we need it.

The tools of our trade – our ships, aircraft, combat systems, as well as our installations and forward operating bases – all require energy to operate. New systems we are deploying, such as the Joint Strike Fighter, Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement, the rail gun, and directed energy weapons, will place additional demands on our energy supply. Every gallon of fuel or kilowatt-hour of electricity we save through more efficient operations can be used to enable or enhance our combat capabilities.

We are working hard – through efforts like the Marine Corps' Energy Ethos campaign and the Navy's Energy Warrior initiative – to promote a culture that recognizes the centrality of energy to operations and ensures that we focus our energy use to strengthen our presence and maximize our combat capability.

This past October, a challenge was issued to each of us to think about how we use energy and to look for ways to get more mission out of every gallon and kilowatt-hour. Over the coming year, we will continue to talk about how we are transforming our energy use to make us better warfighters, boost our combat effectiveness, maximize strategic options, and better protect our Sailors and Marines. We encourage each of you to join that conversation, to take action and make a difference.

Thank you for your continued service, dedication, and sacrifice. Semper Fortis. Semper Fidelis.

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