

**Date:** March 26, 2025

**To:** Mayor Aftab Pureval, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, President Pro Tem Victoria Parks, and Councilmembers Anna Albi, Jeff Cramerding, Mark Jeffreys, Scotty Johnson, Evan Nolan, Meeka Owens, and Seth Walsh

**From:** Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW*

**Subject:** **Resolution – USS Cincinnati**

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Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

**RECOGNIZING** the crew members of the USS Cincinnati during their 2025 namesake visit to the City of Cincinnati and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the USS Cincinnati's crew members' service to our country.

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2025**

**RECOGNIZING** the crew members of the USS Cincinnati during their 2025 namesake visit to the City of Cincinnati and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the USS Cincinnati's crew members' service to our country.

WHEREAS, the USS Cincinnati, an Independence Class Littoral Combat Ship ("LCS") of the U.S. Navy, is an operational warship named for the City of Cincinnati and was commissioned into service on October 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the USS Cincinnati (LCS 20) is the fifth Navy ship to have proudly carried Cincinnati's name, including an ironclad river gun boat commissioned in 1862, a protected cruiser (C-7) commissioned on June 16, 1894, a light cruiser (CL-6) commissioned on January 1, 1924, and an attack submarine (SS-693) commissioned on March 11, 1978; and

WHEREAS, select members of the USS Cincinnati's crew are visiting Cincinnati on March 26, 2025 to strengthen the bond between the USS Cincinnati and her namesake city; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Megan Motter, a native of Virginia Beach, Virginia, graduated and commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in General Science; and

WHEREAS, in her first Division Officer tour, Lt. Motter served as Communications Officer and Key Management Infrastructure Manager aboard USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), where she deployed to the Central Command, conducting numerous presence operations, multinational exercises, and escort duties for unmanned surface vessels throughout the Strait of Hormuz; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Motter now serves as the Electronics Material Officer, and occasionally the Weapons Officer, aboard the USS Cincinnati (LCS 20); and

WHEREAS, Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman Mike Gentry joined the Navy in 2006 from Sedalia, Missouri, and started his career onboard the USS Frank Cable as a Machinist's Mate, converting to Fire Controlman in 2010; and

WHEREAS, CPO Gentry has served on the USS Lake Erie, ATG San Diego, USS Tulsa, USS Manchester, and will retire from the Navy onboard the USS Cincinnati in 2026; and

WHEREAS, as a Fire Controlman, CPO Gentry is responsible for maintaining and employing ship board weapon systems and training the crew in antiterrorism and ship self-defense; and

WHEREAS, Mineman Second Class Petty Officer Zachary Obert grew up in Houston, Texas and enlisted into the Navy immediately following high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, having served onboard the USS Cincinnati for three-and-a-half years, PO Obert has gained valuable experience maintaining and operating lifesaving equipment; and

WHEREAS, PO Obert visited five different countries and completed two foreign operations with U.S. allies and upon completion of his naval service, he plans to pursue a bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, Mineman First Class Petty Officer Dylan Scott is currently assigned to the USS Cincinnati (LCS 20) as the Leading Petty Officer of the Navigation and Executive Department; and

WHEREAS, hailing from the small town of Crown Point, Indiana, PO Scott graduated from Lake Central High School in 2013 and joined the U.S. Navy directly after; and

WHEREAS, after completing Mineman A-School in San Diego, California in 2015, PO Scott reported to USS Chief (MCM 14) in Sasebo, Japan, where he was the lead Mine Neutralization System Technician; and

WHEREAS, after reporting to his next command, Naval Munitions Command Unit Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina, PO Scott took over as the Training Department's Leading Petty Officer, overseeing 100 Explosive Safety Program folders as well as training all new personnel gained to the command; and

WHEREAS, Damage Control Fireman Gio Del Rosario is a Miami, Florida native, who entered the U.S. Navy in March of 2023 and attended Recruit Training at RTC Great Lakes, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, DCFN Del Rosario graduated bootcamp with honors, completed Damage Control A school in Great Lakes, Illinois, and is currently serving onboard the USS Cincinnati (LCS 20); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize the crew members of the USS Cincinnati (LCS 20), welcome them to the City of Cincinnati, and express their appreciation for the USS Cincinnati's crew members' service to our country.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the crew members of the USS Cincinnati (LCS 20) through the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, President Pro Tem Victoria Parks, and Councilmembers Anna Albi, Jeff Cramerding, Mark Jeffreys, Scotty Johnson, Evan Nolan, Meeka Owens, and Seth Walsh