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American Samoa Officials Tour USS Omaha



[PICTORIAL]: On September 7, 2024, U.S. Navy Commander Kevin Smith extended a special invitation for a formal tour of the USS Omaha (LCS 12) to the American Samoa Government. Chief of Staff Loa Tuimavave T. Laupola and a few of the Cabinet members attended the tour. Commander Smith remarked, “It was a privilege to visit such a beautiful area of the U.S. We appreciate the hospitality and look forward to a continued strong partnership as we work to maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific region.”

A highlight of the visit was the presence of Su'e Evelyn McFarland, a 20-year-old graduate from Samoana High School's Class of 2022, serving as part of the USS Omaha crew. She is from Aua and the daughter of Sieni and Eric McFarland.

Chief of Staff Loa presented a special gift to Commander Smith on behalf of Honorable Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga and Lt. Governor La'apui Talauega E.V. Ale as a token of appreciation and gratitude to the team for organizing the tour.

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