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## **Milwaukee native makes history with the U.S. Navy**

**Joint statement from members of the Common Council: Alderman Cavalier Johnson, Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Mark A. Borkowski, Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderman Scott Spiker and Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic**

We congratulate Milwaukee native Amy Bauernschmidt on her outstanding achievement in becoming the first woman to serve as captain of a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier. With a degree in Ocean Engineering from the U.S Naval Academy, Ms. Bauernschmidt is an accomplished naval aviator, and this summer she will be the captain of *USS Abraham Lincoln*, overseeing the vessel's entire ship operation, including 4,500 personnel.

At the outset of her career, Captain Bauernschmidt served as an Instructor Pilot, Quality Assurance Officer, and in 2004 was selected as aide-de-camp to commander, aboard *USS John C. Stennis*. Captain Bauernschmidt's time in the Navy has taken her across borders and continents, even landing her in Japan where she reported as a department head aboard *USS Kitty Hawk*.

Ms. Bauernschmidt's contributions to the United States include her role as the Senior Military Advisor to the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, and her position of executive officer aboard the USS George H. W. Bush - in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Over the years she has been recognized for many individual achievements, including the 2012 Battle Efficiency Award, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal.

Captain Amy Bauernschmidt has exemplified perseverance and bravery throughout her career while repeatedly making history in the process. Her achievements will be felt far and wide, inspiring and paving the way for generations of females to come.

We recognize and thank her for her service, and we are extremely honored to recognize Captain Amy Bauernschmidt as the first woman to serve as captain of a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier.