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HARRY DARBY  
VICE-PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR  
KANSAS CITY 15, KANSAS

August 23, 1945

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PLEASE REPLY TO:  
F. L. SCHLAGLE  
CHAIRMAN FOR NAVY DAY  
OCTOBER 27, 1945  
LIBRARY BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY 16, KANSAS

Dr. F. C. Allen  
District Governor, Rotary Clubs  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Mr. Harry Darby, Vice-president and Director of the Navy League of the United States, has asked me to serve as Navy Day Chairman for the state of Kansas this year. Because of your interest in the Classification Clubs of our state, I am asking you to accept the Chairmanship for these organizations in observance of Navy Day for 1945.

We hope you will be in a position to accept this responsibility and will contact all the Classification Clubs throughout the state and arrange for suitable recognition and observances of Navy Day within these organizations. You can depend upon the close cooperation of the local Navy League Councils and local county chairmen in your work.

October 27 is Navy Day. It was chosen as the date for the observance of Navy Day because it marks the anniversary of the date in 1775 when the Continental Congress received the bill providing for the creation of an independent fleet. It is also the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt who recognized the need for a strong Navy, and is widely credited with being the father of our modern Navy, now the most powerful in the world.

Literature is now being prepared offering suggestions for the celebration of Navy Day with posters and pamphlets to aid in the planning and preparation of appropriate observances.

"IF YOU CAN'T JOIN THE NAVY, JOIN THE NAVY LEAGUE"