

Message From the CO

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From: Commanding Officer, USS MIGUEL KEITH (ESB 5) MILCREW (BLUE)

To: Prospective Shipmates and Friends of the MIGUEL KEITH

Subj: WELCOME ABOARD!

Congratulations on your orders to USS MIGUEL KEITH (ESB 5) BLUE. Let me be the first to welcome you to OUR ship. I am certain you will find your upcoming tour to be professionally challenging and personally rewarding.

Our ship is unique in that we are a hybrid crew of 44 civilian mariners and 101 Navy Sailors. Civilian or military, we are ONE team and work together to accomplish the ship's mission. You are joining a team that represents the fighting spirit of **Lance Corporal Miguel Keith, USMC**, and my expectation is that we will always uphold the Navy's core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. We are entrusted by the American people to defend our nation, maintain the world's sea lines of commerce, and to provide humanitarian assistance at home and abroad when called upon.

As much as I expect of you, you should expect the same of me. Regardless of rank, we all play a critical role. Our command culture is built on a foundation of respect, trust, and open communication both up and down the chain-of-command. I encourage your feedback for ways to improve and expect your forceful back-up should you see anything unsafe. Our command motto is SEMPER IN PUGNA – meaning “Always in the fight!” We need your very best effort every day in ensuring MIGUEL KEITH and you remain in the fight, through anything that may happen.

To assist in making your transfer as smooth as possible, a sponsor will be assigned to you. Your sponsor will contact you to help answer any questions you may have. Please provide your email address and/or cell phone number to the sponsor coordinator at brian.l.desch.mil@us.navy.mil so we can rapidly provide your sponsor's contact details and to answer any questions you may have about living or working in the San Diego area. Additionally, our Senior Enlisted Leader, CMDCS Lamson, is available at john.a.lamson.mil@us.navy.mil.

Our Command Ombudsmen, Mrs. Aimee Jenkins, may be reached via email at ombesb5blue@gmail.com for assistance prior to your arrival and throughout your tour aboard MIGUEL KEITH.

Again, welcome aboard! I am very pleased that you are joining our team and look forward to meeting you.

SEMPER IN PUGNA!

Sincerely,
CAPT Rob Tryon
Commanding Officer
USS MIGUEL KEITH (ESB 5) Blue