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## Welcome Aboard, USS JOHN L. CANLEY (ESB 6) Families!

On behalf of the entire crew - **thank you** for being part of our extended Navy family. By supporting your Sailor, Chief, or Officer, you play a vital role in our mission. We know their service requires sacrifice not just from them, but from you as well. Your encouragement, patience, and strength at home are deeply appreciated.

USS JOHN L. CANLEY (JLC) is more than a ship - it's a team effort that includes our military and civilian crews, and most importantly, the families who stand behind them. Whether your Sailor is a spouse, parent, or child, and whether you're here in San Diego or elsewhere, you're now an essential part of this community, and we're here for you.

To help you understand a bit more about where your Sailor is serving:

JLC is the fourth ship in the Expeditionary Sea Base class and is named after Sergeant Major John Canley, USMC, a Medal of Honor recipient for his heroism during the Battle of Hué City in the Vietnam War. Our ship is a 785-foot, 90,000-ton mobile sea base designed to support a range of global missions, from aviation operations to small-boat deployments. With a hangar, helicopter landing spots, cranes, and a mission deck, JLC is a versatile platform staffed by 140+ Sailors, 40+ Civilian Mariners, and can support over 200 embarked forces. The ship was delivered to the Navy in March 2023 and now permanently deployed with rotating Blue and Gold military crews.

We encourage you to stay connected through our official Command Website, https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/esb6/ and follow us on our official Facebook page, "John L. Canley ESB-6 BLUE" and "USS John L. Canley – ESB6 Gold Crew". Our Command Ombudsmen **Mrs. Ashli Falk** (*Blue crew*) and **Mrs. Marie Escano** (*Gold crew*), can be reached through our official Command Website and Facebook pages. They are your direct link to the command and can help answer questions, share resources, or point you in the right direction.

We're excited to welcome you and honored to serve alongside you and your Sailor. Thank you again for your support - it truly makes a difference!

Sincerely,

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