



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS JOHN L. CANLEY (ESB 6) BLUE
UNIT 100338 BOX NUMBER 1
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Welcome Aboard USS JOHN L. CANLEY (ESB 6)!

Congratulations on receiving orders to the USS JOHN L. CANLEY (ESB 6) - the fourth ship in the LEWIS B. PULLER class of Expeditionary Mobile Sea Bases. We're excited to have you join our crew! You're stepping into a vital role on a one-of-a-kind platform that plays a critical part in executing our nation's maritime strategy. Your contribution will be key to our success!

Expeditionary Sea Bases (ESBs) are hybrid ships operated by civilian mariners for navigation, seamanship, and engineering, while rotating Blue and Gold military crews handle aviation, operations, communications, security, and logistics. Once commissioned, ESBs deploy worldwide for extended missions with regular crew rotations. Due to their role supporting Navy, Marine Corps, and Joint Forces, ESBs have transitioned from USNS designations under Military Sealift Command to USS warships under Expeditionary Strike Group command.

The USS JOHN L. CANLEY (ESB 6), named for Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant Major John L. Canley, USMC - honored for his heroism during the Vietnam War - was built by General Dynamics NASSCO and delivered to the Navy in March 2023. The ship is homeported in San Diego and deploys to the Seventh Fleet (C7F) area of operations in the Western Pacific.

To help you prepare for your arrival, you can find valuable information about the ship, our mission, and the San Diego area on the following websites:

- USS JOHN L. CANLEY official Command Website - <https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/esb6/>
- Military OneSource - <https://www.militaryonesource.mil>
- San Diego Fleet & Family Support Center - <https://sandiego.navylifesw.com>

Our **Sponsor Coordinators** and **Command Senior Enlisted Leaders** are listed on our official Command Website under the "Welcome" tab. Please contact them at your earliest convenience so we can fully assist you with your transition, and ensure you and your family are supported every step of the way during your pre-arrival training and onboarding.

Welcome to the USS JOHN L. CANLEY family and warfighting team—we're proud to have you aboard!

Sincerely,

RYAN T. FULWIDER
CAPT USN
CO BLUE

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. WELGAN
CAPT USN
CO GOLD