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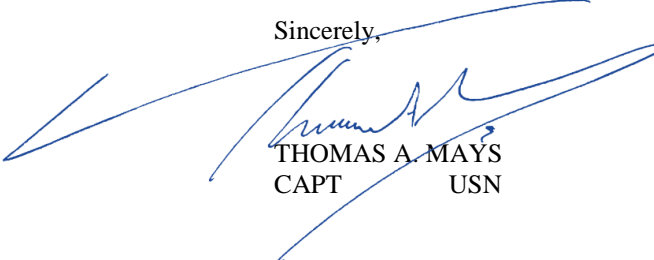
Greetings, PCU JOHN L. CANLEY (ESB 6) Blue Family-Member!

First and foremost, THANK YOU for sharing your Sailor, Chief, or Officer with us and the wider US Navy. We understand they are the ones who took the oath, made the commitment, and execute the orders, but they could not do their work without your love and support at home. You have made sacrifices as well, and I want to express our profound gratitude for the challenges you have undertaken alongside them. Pre-Commissioning Unit (and eventual USS) JOHN L. CANLEY (ESB 6) is a team of teams, not just Blue and Gold Military Crews or our Civilian Mariner Crew, but the "Family Crew" back home as well. Whether our Sailor is your Spouse, Parent, or Child, and whether you are in the San Diego area or not, we want to ensure you are taken care of, so you can continue to support your Sailor and their Mission!

Many of you may not yet understand this thing taking up so much of your Sailor's time and attention for the next few years. Please let me share what we're all about! JOHN L. CANLEY (JLC) is the fourth ship in the USS LEWIS B. PULLER (ESB 3) class of Expeditionary Sea Bases. Named after USMC Sergeant Major John Canley, Medal of Honor recipient for his leadership at the Battle of Hué City during the Vietnam War in February of 1968, JLC is a large (length 785', beam 164', displacement 90,000 tonnes) diesel-electric vessel adapted from the Alaska class crude-oil tankers built by General Dynamics National Steel & Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) in San Diego, CA. We are a mobile rotary-wing aircraft base, capable of deploying anywhere in the world to support a variety of combat and non-combat operations. JLC features a hangar, four large helicopter landing spots, cranes to serve a number of different boats, and an open Mission Deck. We are crewed by 140+ Sailors, 40+ Civilian Mariners, and can support 200+ Marines or other embarked forces. Our ship delivered to the Navy in March 2023, and will commission and permanently deploy overseas in 2024, with Blue and Gold military crews swapping out every few months onboard. It is a very unique and vital asset to our military and we are honored to have you and your Sailor be part of this ship's legacy.

A number of articles, links, and resources can be found on our command website at <https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/esb6/>. We also encourage you to Like and respectfully participate with our official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/johnlcanleyesb6blue/>. Our Command OMBUDSMAN, Mrs. Ashli Falk, can be reached via email, message, or phone through either our Facebook page or the website. She acts as the official point of contact between the Command Triad and dependents, so she is your first stop for assistance. For those of you in the local area who want to get together, hold events, build camaraderie, or find assistance among one another when we go over the horizon, we are establishing a Family Readiness Group (FRG). The FRG needs both leadership positions and folks just willing to help out. I look forward to meeting you all soon online or at one of our upcoming FRG events. THANKS AGAIN!

Sincerely,



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