A MESSAGE FROM THE

COMMANDING OFFICER

Welcome aboard USS BOXER (LHD 4), the sixth ship to bear the name "BOXER" and the fourth Wasp-class amphibious assault ship. BOXER is capable of performing both air and amphibious operations in support of national interests and objectives. Amphibious warships must be capable of sailing in harm's way and enable rapid combat power buildup ashore in the face of opposition. Because of its inherent capabilities, BOXER has been and will continue to be called upon to support humanitarian and other contingency missions on short notice.

BOXER is a six-time recipient of the Chief of Naval Operation's Safety Award and a 13-time recipient of the Battle Effectiveness (Battle "E") award. The Battle "E" is awarded annually to ships and crews that best demonstrate the capability to perform wartime tasks and exhibit the highest degree of departmental readiness in their group. Battle "E" recipients must demonstrate mission excellence in six categories of battle efficiency: maritime warfare, engineering/survivability, command and control, logistics, safety and efficiency excellence.

The great men and women of BOXER make this command a success. The BOXER team is focused on war fighting readiness, procedural compliance, and doing things right the first time, every time.

It is with a deep sense of pride that I welcome you aboard our fine ship - America's "Golden Gator!"



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