

WELCOME ABOARD LETTER/MESSAGE:

On behalf of the crew of USS SAN DIEGO (LPD-22), welcome aboard and congratulations on your assignment to the classiest warship in the United States Navy.

SAN DIEGO was commissioned on May 19th, 2012 and is the fourth United States ship to be named for the beautiful city and bay of San Diego, California. As of September 2024, the ship is homeported in Sasebo, Japan and is a key player amongst the Forward Deployed Naval Forces in the Indo-Pacific region.

As a San Antonio class amphibious transport dock, the primary mission of SAN DIEGO is to transport elements of the Marine Corps landing force to accomplish a variety of expeditionary warfare missions. Onboard, the Navy and Marine Corps team work together seamlessly to carry out the objective at hand.

With this new assignment, you are joining a team of dedicated professionals committed to mission accomplishment and excellence at sea. Our standard is simple: have ownership over everything you do, be willing to learn and always look after your shipmates. We give absolutely **no quarter** to complacency, excuses or anything less than our best.

I am proud to welcome you aboard USS SAN DIEGO and look forward to serving alongside you. If there is anything that can better help your transition, please do not hesitate to reach out to the team.



Stay Classy,
CAPT Stephen M. Valerio
Commanding Officer
USS SAN DIEGO (LPD-22)