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From: Commanding Officer, USS SOMERSET (LPD 25)
To: Future Somerset Shipmates

Subj: WELCOME ABOARD!

1. Congratulations on joining the crew of the USS SOMERSET! You are joining the finest amphibious transport dock in the Fleet, manned by crew of tough and committed Sailors. We are ready for you to join our team and welcome you to your new Navy home.
2. Our ship is named after Somerset County, PA, in honor of the heroic actions of 40 crewmembers of United Airlines Flight 93 passengers who displaced courage through overwhelming adversity. Had it not been for their brave actions, countless more lives would have been lost during the 9/11 attack. Their honor, courage, and commitment that day are a source of inspiration for our crew, and it will be for you as well, hence our motto *Virtus Per Adversa* or Courage Through Adversity.
3. EM1(SW/AW) Solomon Goodwin, USN is our Command Sponsorship Coordinator and he, or one of our dedicated shipmates, will write you back if you contact us at sponsor@lpd25.navy.mil.
4. This is the start of another chapter in your naval career, and we are here for you. I am excited to have you onboard and personally look forward to shaking your hand and seeing you on the deck plates. Hooyah!

LET'S ROLL!


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