

Congratulations on your orders to the USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62), well known as the “FIGHTIN’ FITZ!” You are now part of the Navy’s finest warship, named in honor of Lieutenant William Charles Fitzgerald. Our motto “PROTECT YOUR PEOPLE” bears witness to the ideals and actions exemplified by our ship’s namesake, Lieutenant Willan Chares Fitzgerald. This motto also links the Fitzgerald’s ancient family history to their Gallic war cry translated as “Defend the castle Forever.”

The command is located in Naval Base San Diego (NBSD). NBSD’s website can be found at <https://cnrsw.cniv.navy.mil/Installations/NAVBASE-San-Diego/>. Our command's website can be found at <https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/ddg62/>.

Duty aboard the FITZGERALD will provide you opportunities to see the world and advance your career both professionally and personally. There will be opportunities and challenges, but we will succeed because we Protect Our People and Fight as a team!

To hit the ground running, please contact our Sponsorship Coordinator, CS1 McCary, Brandon at (803) 201-5986 or e-mail brandon.mccary@ddg62.navy.mil. You can also contact the Command Master Chief Ronmel J. Aleman at (757) 777-5529 or e-mail CMC@ddg62.navy.mil and our Command Ombudsman, Isabella Palacios, may be reached at (520) 431-4665 for assistance.

Welcome aboard, shipmate and family! I am looking forward to meeting and joining our FITZ family!

Sincerely,



CDR Jayson C. Larsen