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Attn: Public Affairs Officer/Webmaster

Good Day. My name is Nicholas Mahouski, Jr., and I was on the pre-commissioning of the U.S.S. SAN DIEGO (AFS-6), from 09/01/1968 to 01/15/1971. I was a Yeoman 2nd Class Petty Officer serving under Captain John W. Wells.

After reviewing the AFS 6 History, I have discovered “missing “ information that needs to be updated to reflect accurate information:

My recommendation: It should be added after commissioned on 24 May 1969, Capt. John W. Wells in command. The USS SAN DIEGO remained in San Diego, California, until July 1969, when the ship transited the Panama Canal, enroute to its homeport of Norfolk, Virginia.

20 of February 1971, issue of OUR NAVY, The Navyman’s Magazine, founded in 1897, describes the USS SAN DIEGO’s only other deployment during calendar year 1970, was an emergency deployment to the Mediterranean from 7 October to 16 November in support of Sixth Fleet Operations in the Middle East”.

Next, As a result of the outstanding performance of the USS SAN DIEGO , while deployed to the Sixth Fleet, Commander Service Force Sixth Fleet has recommended, and Commander Sixth Fleet has also recommended approval, that USS SAN DIEGO be awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation. This is the first such recommendation for a Service Force ship for peace time operation in the Sixth Fleet.

Finally, Not only did the USS SAN DIEGO win the coveted Battle Efficiency “E” in her group, but she achieved the highest overall grade of any ship in Squadron and is recommended as the “Ship of the Year”.

Please review the enclosed information and update is being requested for USS SAN DIEGO (AFS 6) (1969-1993). This is my Naval Heritage.

Sincerely,

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