



USS LEWIS B. PULLER (ESB 3)

HONORING A U.S. MARINE CORPS LEGEND

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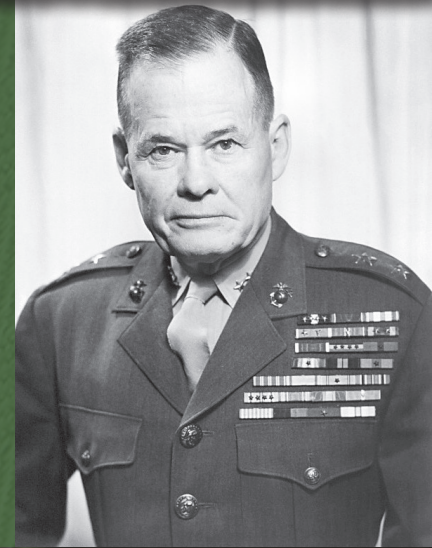
Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller enlisted in the Marine Corps in August 1918.

Puller enlisted and then commissioned as an officer, serving for a total of 37 years. All but ten of those years were served at sea or overseas.

USS Lewis B. Puller (ESB 3) is the second ship named in his honor.

During his service, he earned 14 combat decorations (not counting decorations from foreign governments).

In the late 1950s, the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC, became the new home for the Marine Corps bulldog, Chesty, named in honor of the legendary lieutenant general, made his first public appearance on July 5, 1957.



READY TO FIGHT

Length: 784 ft

Speed: 15 knots

Crew: 5 naval officers, 96 enlisted personnel and 44 civilian mariners from Military Sealift Command

Mission: As a U.S. Navy warship, ESB 3 can conduct potential mine-countermeasure operations and provide special operations forces staging. It's designed around four capabilities:

- aviation
- berthing
- equipment staging area
- command and control

A REPUTATION FOR VALOR



The only Marine to earn the Navy Cross five times, Puller earned two for actions in the Second Nicaraguan Campaign, two during WWII and one during the Korean War.

"OLD BREED? NEW BREED?
THERE'S NOT A DAMN BIT OF
DIFFERENCE AS LONG AS IT'S
THE MARINE BREED."

- LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEWIS
B. "CHESTY" PULLER