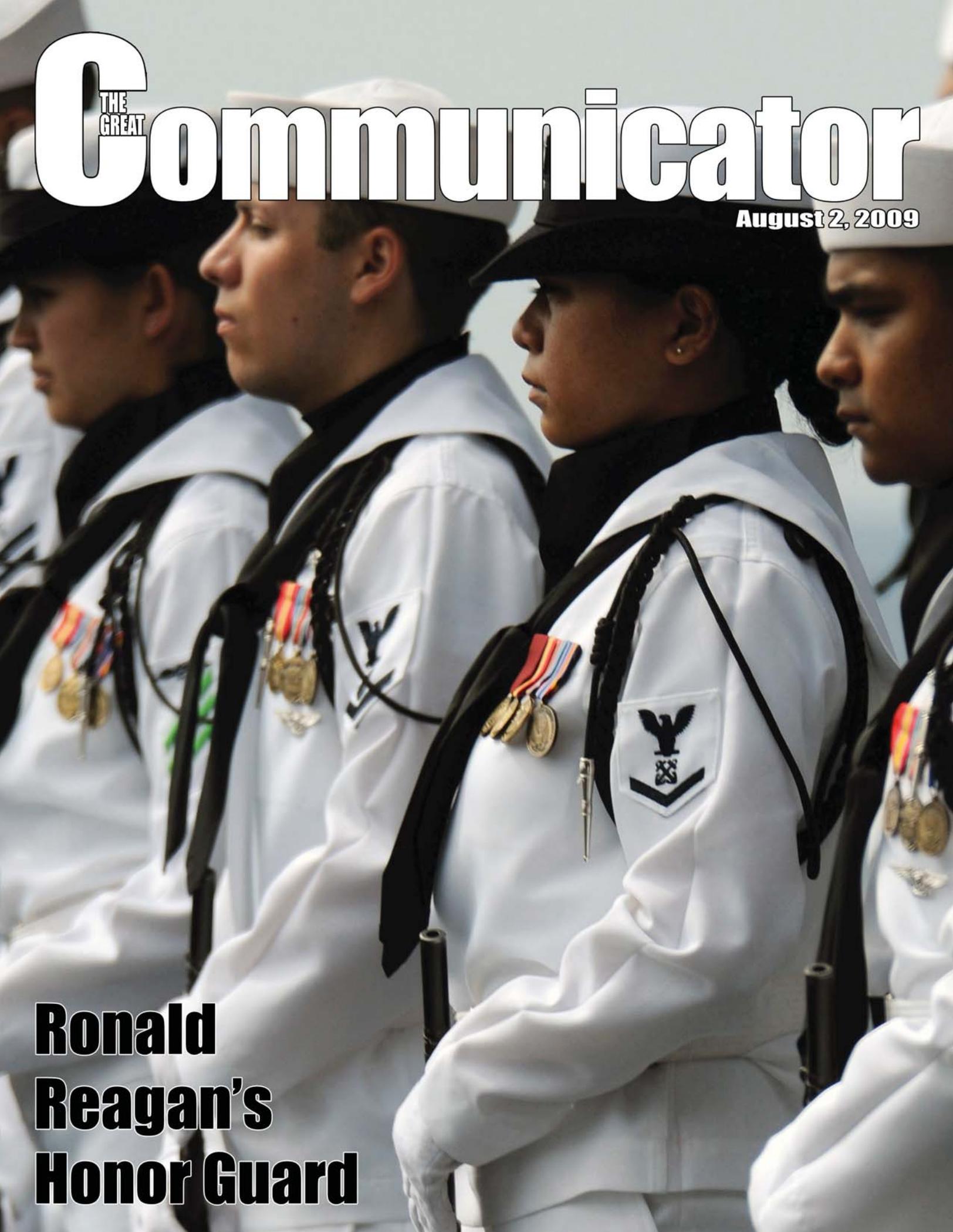


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-Ronald Reagan

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How about the Padres? That's right Ronald Reagan, your hometown Major League Baseball team completed a trade yesterday with the Chicago White Sox to send starting pitcher Jake Peavy over to the South Side in exchange for a handful of affordable young pitchers.

While this may be a sound and proven plan for building a contender in the future, in the meantime some Padres fans are feeling hung out to dry. And one of those fans is my boss.

We're going to be in port for the majority of next season, so let's hope that Padres General Manager Kevin Towers has more to this plan than just replacing a cornerstone player with unproven youngsters.

I hope so anyway, because nothing puts my department head in a bad mood like the current losing ways of the Padres.

It's good to have a little sports talk, since I can't even think of the last time we ran an issue featuring Reagan Sports. This will change with the football pre-season beginning in a few weeks.

But for now, we've got a mighty fine edition of TGC. We begin with an article about everybody's favorite birthday

present: the Birth Month Recall medical visit. MC3 Jason Baird spoke with several corpsmen about the, um, difficulties of getting people to visit them.

For our next story, MC2 Benjamin Lewis spoke with CTT2 Ashley Anderson about her unique naval experience with her brother Clayton. They ultimately decided to join the Navy together and have been learning from each other's



experiences ever since.

The Navy offers many different experiences, but perhaps none as distinctive as the opportunity to be a part of the honor guard. MC3 David Brandenburg spoke with honor guard members to find out how they won their spot on the team and what compelled them to go for it.

Alright, we're past the halfway point of the baseball season and nearing that of this deployment. And, good news, we should be home in time for the World Series! That's definitely alright with me.

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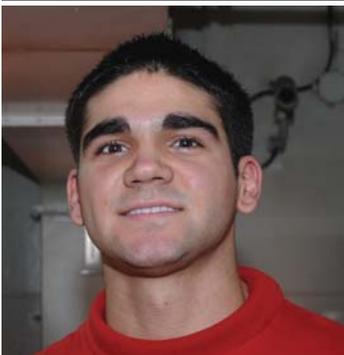
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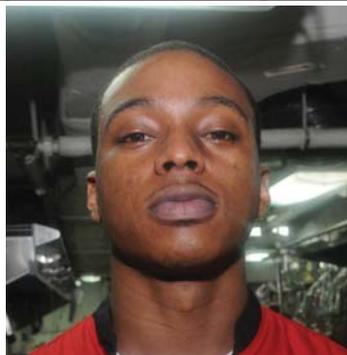
MC3 Chelsea Kennedy

Kennedy grew up in Las Vegas where she found a passion for photography at a young age. She originally joined the Navy as a photographer's mate. She is aboard Ronald Reagan as part of a sea-op detachment from the Navy Public Affairs Support Element, West.

Street Beat: Are you planning on staying Navy or getting out?



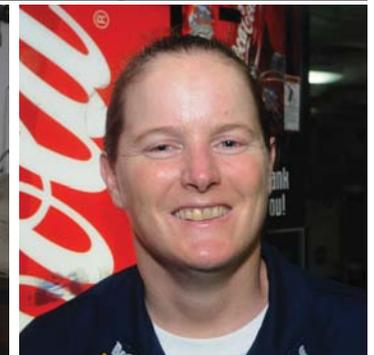
AOAN Dustin Tillman
"I'm staying in. It's a good job, I love what I do and there are a lot of opportunities."



CSSN Tour'e Burt
"I'm staying in because of the economy, and to keep the benefits for my son."



HT2 William Smith
"I'm staying in for the benefits and to take care of my wife while she is in school."



MR1 Michelle Young
"I'm getting out. It's my 20th year so I am retiring."

Happy Birthday!

BMR, More Than Just a Little Prick

Story & Photo By
MC3 Jason Baird

There are countless formalities Sailors need to participate in during their career in the Navy. Some are more pleasant than others. Birth Month Recall (BMR) probably isn't considered one of the pleasant ones. Sailors don't seem too eager to wait in line at Medical to get stuck with a couple of needles, especially for their birthday.

"Everybody waits until the end of the month," said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Samantha Rogers, a BMR crew member.

"...Or two months after their birthday. We have everybody from khakis on down who don't come in," said BMR crew member Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Raquel Sanchez.

"Our chief has to e-mail their chief," said Rogers.

Both Rogers and Sanchez agreed Sailors seem to view the BMR staff as folks who are just there to cause others pain. But they both talked about the necessity for the program.

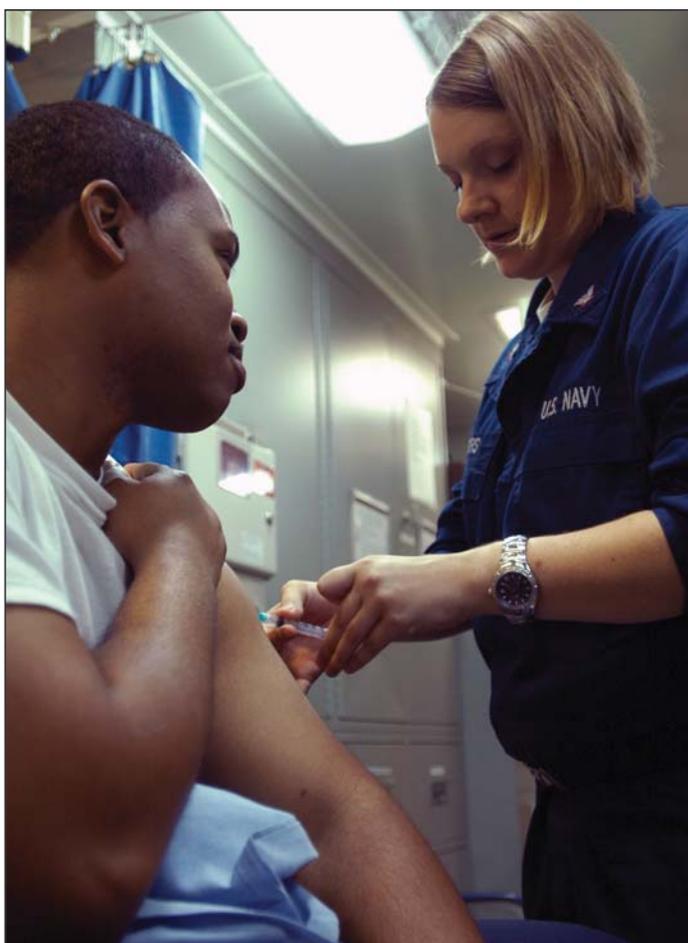
"This is what you need," said Rogers, "especially

since we're in a war zone; it's the shots you need to be immune to threats like smallpox, anthrax..."

"You have to take into account it's not just you on the boat," said

didn't want to get it."

They say they care about Sailors' well-being even though that means they are cooped up in a room all day waiting for their next "victim."



Sanchez. "If a new person comes in, and for some reason you were exposed to something like that and you've yet to get the shot, now you've exposed the whole ship to what you're carrying just because you

"It's not just about keeping you healthy," Sanchez continued. "It's about keeping everybody else healthy. Protect yourself, protect the crew."

Sanchez said they

sometimes have 30 to 40 people a day in for BMR. She said people seem to think BMR just means shots, but there's more to it than that.

From audiograms to eye exams to HIV tests, she stressed that a Sailor's birth month is his or her opportunity to make sure they're in good shape, or to prevent something before it becomes too serious.

"We catch everything," agreed Rogers, "from high cholesterol to potential diabetes."

They also catch things that might be wrong with a Sailor's medical record.

"Your blood type, if you don't have it in your record for some reason, it got lost in boot camp, how are we going to know what blood to give you?" said Sanchez.

The BMR crew seems to take their job quite seriously, even though it may not seem like a big deal to others. With everything they can do during a Sailor's birth month to keep them healthy, and the ability to catch

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Navy Sailors: Buy One, Get One Free

CTT2 Ashley Anderson and her brother Clayton have someone to lean on.

Story By
MC2 (AW) Benjamin Lewis

The life path of siblings often comes to a fork in the road when they head off into the world. Different jobs, different colleges; their lives can become completely unrelated. However, for Cryptologic Technician (Technical) (CTT) 2nd Class (SW/AW) Ashley Anderson, Carrier Strike Group Seven Staff's information operations planner, her and her brother's life took a similar direction.

Anderson was attending California State University

Fresno and her brother was still in high school when a family friend went off to West Point. She had heard of West Point, but said she'd never given it much thought and never expected to join the military.

"I was going to school taking classes that I didn't really need," said Anderson.

She said it wasn't the place she wanted to be. Going to school and work an hour from home every day was taking its toll.

"I wanted to go away and

experience things," said Anderson. "I felt stuck and wanted a change. I wanted to do something that nobody would ever expect me to do, including me."

A year after the Sept. 11 attacks, Anderson and her brother went to New York to visit their friend who had attended West Point. That friend told them about all the benefits offered by the military, which caught Anderson's interest.

They went to the site of the World Trade Center and

Ashley felt the need to do something. A week later she and her brother went to an Army recruiter, but the Army just didn't feel right to them. They tried to contact an Air Force recruiter, with no luck.

"My sister was the only one of us that wanted to talk to the Navy recruiter," said Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) (CTI) 1st Class Clayton Anderson, Ashley's brother.

"I never expected my brother to start thinking about [the military] as

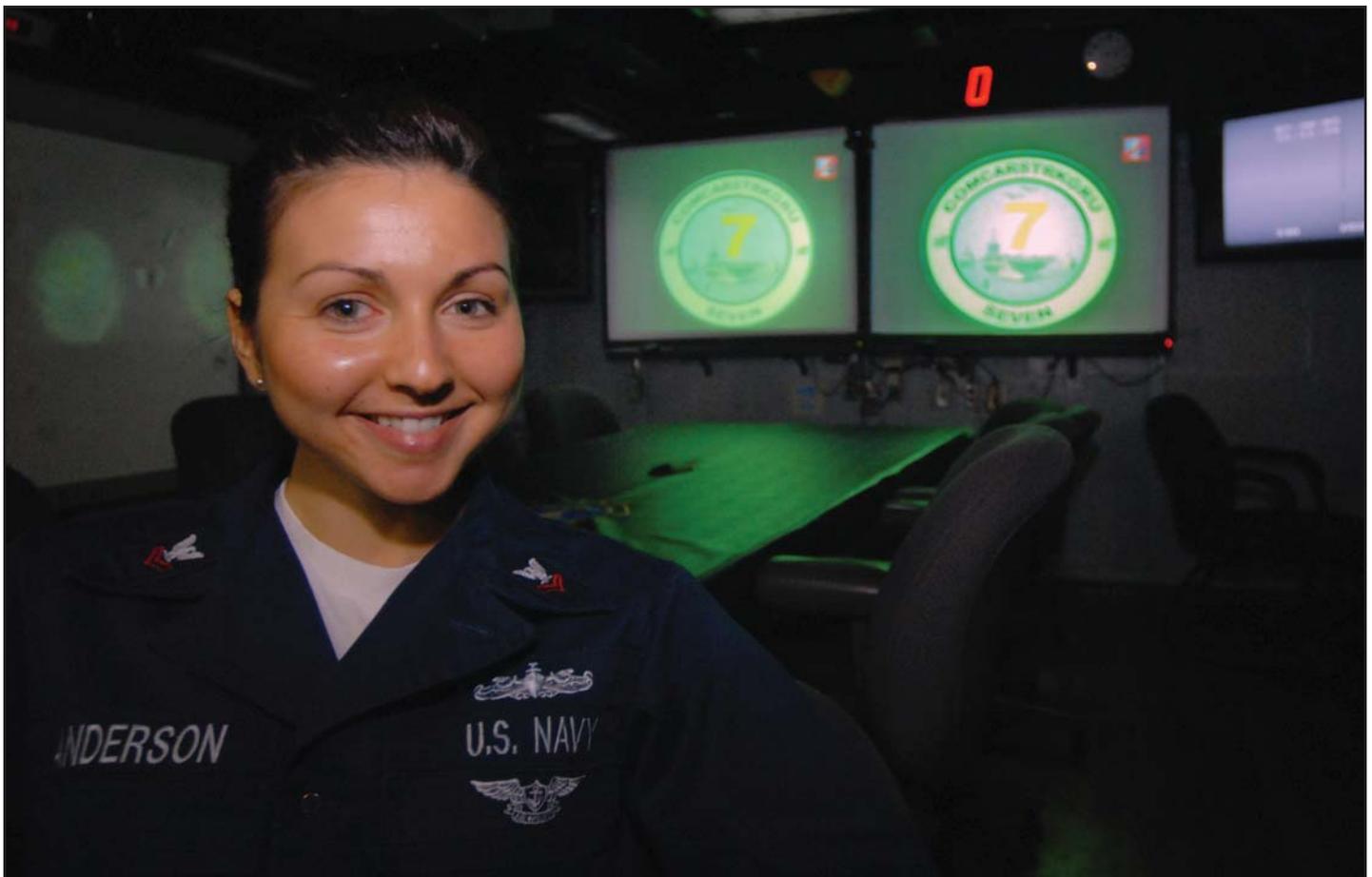


Photo By MC2 Benjamin Lewis

well,” said Ashley. “He was a junior in high school and didn’t really know what to do. He had taken the [Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery] ASVAB just to get out of class.”

Clayton said he didn’t have much interest in the Navy, mostly due to his slight fear of open water. But while Ashley was talking to the Navy recruiter, the next thing she knew, her brother was sitting next to her asking questions too.

“It was great having her there while we talked to him,” said Clayton. “I think between the two of us, we asked everything about everything.”

Ashley said a week later she was taking the ASVAB and that’s when the sibling

rivalry began. She beat his “taking the ASVAB to get out of class” score and the friendly competition continued into [the Military Entrance Processing Center] MEPS.

“We were each in a cubical talking to the recruiters. We could hear each other saying ‘really? I want that job! Oh, that one has a bonus?’ The recruiters were all into [the rivalry] so we were having a good time,” said Ashley.

Ashley took CTT and Clayton was offered hospital corpsman (HM) or culinary specialist. He chose HM, which didn’t have a bonus like his sister’s. Not long after he chose HM, their father fell, breaking open his skull, and Clayton saw everything. It was at that moment he



Photo Courtesy of CTT2 Ashley Anderson

learned he couldn’t handle the sight of blood. He called the recruiter the next day, and after a chain of events, was offered CTI.

“He won that one,” Ashley reminisced with a smile. “He ended up with a bigger enlistment bonus and a better place [for “A”] school.”

Ashley went to boot camp in March 2003, and Clayton went after high school in July of that year. Ever since then, the two siblings have been very supportive of each other.

Their first duty stations brought Clayton to Fort Meade, Md. and Ashley chose unknown orders to an unknown ship, which took her to Norfolk, Va.

“We grew up really close,

so it was really nice to have that support system only a few hours away,” said Ashley. “He came down and watched us as we left on our first deployment and he was there when we came back.”

Ashley then checked aboard Ronald Reagan in January 2008. About the same time, an opportunity arose for her brother to apply for special orders to the White House in Washington D.C. Unsure of whether he had a shot at putting in a package and making it through the screening, he came to his sister for advice.

“In the past I’ve come to her with questions that she was able to answer in a way that I didn’t even think of,” said Clayton.

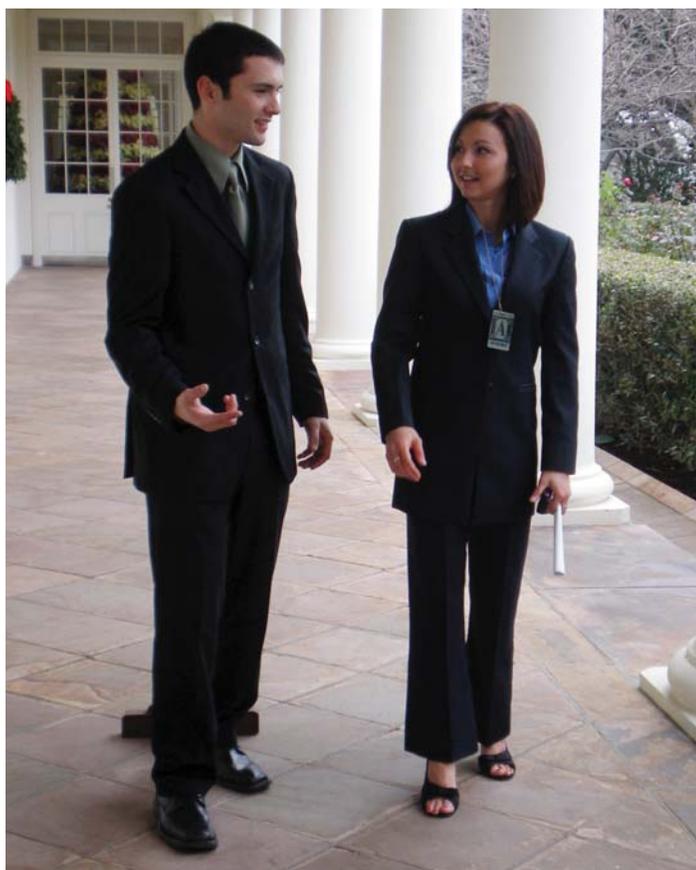


Photo Courtesy of CTT2 Ashley Anderson



Photo by MC3 Brotzman

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Photo by MCSN Wenberg

Parading the colors is one of the U.S. Navy's oldest and finest traditions, one that is looked upon with great respect and pride by Sailors and civilians alike. Carrying on this tradition aboard Ronald Reagan are the elite members of our honor guard.

These few talented Sailors have proven they have what it takes to present our nation's colors with the highest levels of dedication and honor. It's no easy task and along with their normal work day schedules, the team practices three days a week in their off time.

"Our departments and divisions are very flexible with the Sailors who participate on the team," said Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class (SW/AW) Luis Marie, a member of the honor guard.

"We start practice at around 1900 which runs until 2000 three days-a-week in the hangar bay," added Marie.

The honor guard aboard Ronald Reagan is used for many different occasions. So far during this deployment the honor guard has participated in the Battle of Midway ceremony as well as the Burial at Sea ceremony. These performances require steadfast dedication and a strong bond between team members.

"The team is very close," said Storekeeper 2nd Class (SW) Amber Denton, team



Photo by MCSN Cole

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assistant leading petty officer. “

Every Sailor has a passion to do well so everyone takes the performances very serious.”

Joining the team is achievable for all Sailors who route a request chit through their chain of command, have higher than a promotable on their last evaluation and have a clean record.

The team may be small but the pride of what they do shows through their practice and dedication.

“I saw the team parading the colors and performing last deployment in Singapore and really thought it was cool,” said Marie. “At that point I knew it was something I wanted to do so I joined, and being a part of the team really makes me proud to be in the military.”

The team is not only a way to feel Navy pride but also is a great way for Sailors to meet people, form lasting friendships and sometimes give back to the public.

“I joined because I was new to Ronald Reagan and wanted to make friends,” said Denton. “We performed at a parade one time and a child came up to me and gave me a hug after the performance, which put tears in my eyes. That moment just gave me such a sense of pride and that’s why I keep doing it.”

Features

Don't like your job?

Conversions: Upgrade Your Situation

Story By
MC3 (AW) Chelsea Kennedy

Choose your rate, choose your fate, they say. Choosing a rate before joining the Navy can be considered a gamble. Can Sailors really know what it is they will be doing? People join the Navy with many different intentions, and for many different reasons.

About 30% of all Sailors choose to convert ratings at some point in their careers. Some convert from an overmanned rating to an

undermanned one, others convert to a career field of their liking or because they want to stay Navy and don't want to stay in rate.

There are many opportunities for those who want to stay Navy and many more ways to ensure a smooth transition.

There are many ways to convert ratings with perform to serve (PTS) leading the way, said Navy Counselor (SW/AW) Fonda

Wilson. "Sometimes it is a forced conversion because they are serving in an overmanned rate and to stay in the Navy they have to put conversion choices, whether that is what they want to do or not. They choose to convert to stay Navy. Sometimes conversions work out for both the Navy and the Sailor."

Many Sailors are converting through the PTS

program. Wilson said the program has streamlined the process for many Sailors, but there are many other things that Sailors must keep in mind when thinking about converting.

"For Sailors who are PTS approved in their own rate, they can then choose to go down the normal path for conversion," said Wilson "A Sailor must be in their rate for 24 months before putting in for a conversion

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Reel Time

"Pathfinder," Not Just a Nissan SUV

Under-achievement makes an unworthy rival to it's primal brother "300."

Story By
MC2 Aaron Holt

Around the same time the movie "300" came out, there was another film that made an appearance called "Pathfinder." "Pathfinder" is a pretty good movie that never quite got the attention it deserves.

It has a good story, good fight scenes and it also excellent cinematic imagery.

The story of "Pathfinder" starts out with a Native American woman who stumbles upon a Viking ship that has been shipwrecked onto the eastern shores of North America. The only one left alive is a young Viking boy, who the woman and her tribe take in as one of their own.

The movie moves on to 15 years later when the Viking boy is an adult and fully integrated in the tribe. It's at this time that his Viking kinsmen come back and slaughter his adopted

family and tribe. It is now up to him to defend another Native American tribe from his kinsmen.

The story was good for a movie that has more action and fighting than anything else.

There were a few fight scenes that really stood out to me. There is one fight scene where the hero defends himself against some of the Vikings while sledding down a snowy mountain side. Yeah, that's pretty out there but awesome nonetheless. There is also a scene where an old Native American kills a bear with a spear that the younger warriors in his tribe were having problems trying to defend against. I want to be able to do stuff like that when I'm older. The last fight scene that really made an impression on me was when a Native American woman pulls a Mike Tyson

and bites off one of the Viking's ears. Sick I know, but I love it.

There are a lot of other good fight scenes in the movie, but I'll leave them to see for yourself if you so choose.

The other thing that really made an impression on me was the cinematic imagery.

The creators of the movie really did a great job using simple nature scenes of clouds, black birds flying in the distance, thick moss hanging off trees, plenty of fog, snow and rain. All this added to making things seem darker and more bleak and also helped give the viewer a better sense of place.

In the beginning of the movie they had a lot of usage of slow motion, to add to the imagery. I thought they used a bit too much.

There were also a few other things

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THE FLEET

Nimitz Strike Group Underway, Will Relieve Ronald Reagan

From USS Nimitz Public Affairs

USS Nimitz, At Sea (NNS) – USS Nimitz (CVN 68) departed her homeport of San Diego July 31 on a regularly scheduled Western Pacific deployment.

“Teamwork ... A Tradition” is the motto and philosophy of the USS Nimitz, the flagship of the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group (CSG). Nimitz will leverage both as she leads a versatile, flexible and mission-tailored force in support of the nation’s maritime strategy.

“I’m proud of these Sailors, and all of their families for the mutual commitment to support their country,” said Rear Adm. John W. Miller, commander, CSG 11 “This deployment is the culmination of a lot of hard work. We are ready.”

Aircraft carriers and their accompanying strike groups deliver the right balance of presence and power necessary to wage war in the 21st century. They enable the Navy to execute the six core capabilities of the maritime strategy – forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

“This ship is one of our nation’s primary on-call assets, we can take this capability



forward even to places where access is not assured”, said Capt. Michael Manazir, Nimitz’ commanding officer, “and it is all made possible through the pride and professionalism of the Nimitz Sailor”.

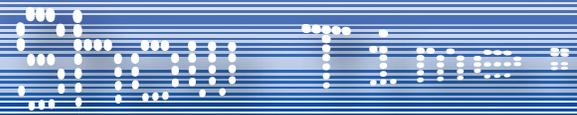
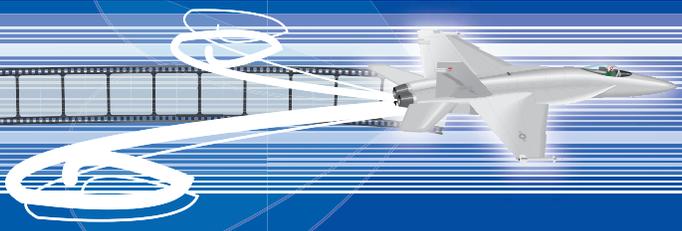
Last year, Nimitz CSG deployed to the western Pacific in support of the U.S. commitment to peace and stability in the region while USS Kitty Hawk’s (CV 63) was in maintenance. During the four-month deployment Nimitz CSG supported the maritime strategy by expanding cooperative relationships with the Republic of Korea (ROK), participating in Operation Key Resolve/Foal Eagle 2008.

“The carrier strike group has a unique ability to access critical areas and project power ashore without requiring basing ashore, said Miller, “but this same access can also position us for sustained, routine security cooperation activities with foreign partners and allies.”

Nimitz CSG, commanded by Miller, is comprised of USS Nimitz (CVN 68), the guided-missile destroyers USS Pinckney (DDG 91) and USS Sampson (DDG 102) of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 23, the Ticonderoga-class cruiser USS Chosin

(CG 55) from Commander, Naval Surface Group, Mid-Pacific and the Perry-class frigate USS Rentz (FFG 46) from DESRON 1. Squadrons from Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 11 include the “Black Aces” of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 41, the “Tophatters” of VFA 14, the “Warhawks” of VFA 97, the “Sidewinders” of VFA 86, the “Indians” of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 6, the “Black Ravens” of Electronic Attack Squadron 135, the “Providers” of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 30 and the “Wallbangers” of Carrier Airborne Command and Control Squadron 117. Detachments from the “Easy Riders” of Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 37, the “Battle Cats” of HSL 43, the “Wolfpack” of HSL 45 and the “Scorpions” of HSL 49. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 11 and USNS Bridge (T-AOE-10) embarking the “Wildcard” of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 23 also accompany Nimitz CSG.

Nimitz was commissioned in 1975, making it the first Nimitz-class, nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in the U.S. Fleet. The ship is named for World War II Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz.



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by The Honorable MC3 Leeland O'Shea



PREVIOUS ANSWERS

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"We are here to pump you up!"

ABE3 Eric Olmstead benches 370 lbs., taking second place in a bench-press competition aboard Ronald Reagan. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation division helps to motivate and promote physical readiness through friendly competition. Photo by MC3(SW/AW) Torrey Lee



BMR

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problems before they become serious threats, Rogers easily summed up the role BMR plays on the ship.

“We are the readiness,” she said.

But what about those shots? It may be some comfort to know the BMR crew also has to face the other end of that needle.

“When it’s our birth month, we have to get the same shots,” said Rogers. “We have to do the same thing as everybody else does. I hate giving shots as much as receiving them, but we’ve got to get them.”

It may seem like just another formality, and a terrible way to celebrate your birthday, but it’s a formality that helps to keep the entire ship up and running. BMR doesn’t just mean shots, it means readiness.

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“He really wanted to do something different,” said Ashley. “[I told him to] try for it because you don’t want to look back 10 years later and think ‘what if I had done that.’”

He put in his package, and became one of few to be selected.

It would seem Ashley was getting the short end of the stick; Clayton had the bigger bonus and an amazing billet at another shore command. That might be enough for an older sister to be a little jealous, but that isn’t the case at all.

“I’ve never been so proud of someone,” said Ashley. “I think I was more excited than [he was]. I definitely cried.”

Her brother is just as supportive of her and often tells her how important what she does really is.

“Ashley has actually seen and experienced the “real” Navy; rather than a desk, which has been the story

for my entire career,” said Clayton. “Even though at times it seems that the deployments take their toll, she gets to have an experience that most people don’t ever get the chance to have. Traveling across the open seas is an adventure I can only imagine.”

Ashley said it can be challenging when each day seems the same as the last, but with an outside view from her brother, things don’t seem so bad.

“As much as you like your job, nobody really likes to be away from home,” said Ashley. “He puts things into perspective and says ‘Hey, at least you get to leave and experience and go out and see things, and do things. You don’t know how lucky you are.’”

Clayton is winning the rivalry in the advancement side of things and Ashley in the warfare pins and ribbons department. They continue to be supportive of each other and, even though he has never been out to sea, Clayton often gives his sister his best advice to make it through the demands and rigors of sea duty.

“The one thing that I always remind her of,” said Clayton, “is that hard jobs, whether it’s in the Navy or not, have ups and downs; and at least through this one you get a free cruise every year!”

RATING

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package. If the job they want requires an obligated service agreement and they don’t have enough time left [before their end of obligated service] they are back to putting in a PTS.”

Though the process has become easier, there are still many rates out there that require a Sailor to submit a package with qualifications.

“After about 6 months on board I decided that being an electrician’s mate wasn’t for me and now I’m trying to convert to legalman,” said Electrician’s Mate 3rd Class (SW/AW) Jessica Buchanan, who is currently receiving

on the job training in her free time and getting her package together to convert to legalman.

“I was reading through the Communicator last deployment and there was an advertisement to become a legalman,” said Buchanan. “I started researching on my own and thought about finishing my degree in criminal justice, so legalman sounded perfect for me.”

For most Sailors, the choice to convert isn’t so cut and dry. Having the option to convert is there and is as easy as putting possible rates they would want to be considered for on their PTS package.

There are options for in-rate assignment only, conversion only, or in rate assignment with the option to convert. This option is helping the Navy and Sailors by giving those who may otherwise be forced out, if not approved to stay in rate, the option to convert to a rate that suits the Navy’s needs.

For Sailors who are considering converting and have been in 12 years or less and are unsure of where to start or just want to know what career options they have, contact your departmental career counselor. Contact information can be found on the Gippernet under admin/career counselor.

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that I didn’t like. One of the major things that I didn’t like was the dialogue, which was very simple. There was also a scene where the hero kills the last remaining Vikings by yelling to start an avalanche. I understand this is a fictional movie but I think they should have come up with something a bit more believable.

Even though “Pathfinder” had very simple dialogue, it did have a good story, good fight scenes and good imagery. But all that still wasn’t enough to compete with “300.”

SOD

SAILOR OF THE DAY



July 29, 2009

Name: *ABHAN Matthew Horseman*

Dept/Div: *Air/V1*

Job Title: *Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling)*

Where are you from?

Kettering, Ohio

Why did you join the Navy?

I joined for the educational benefits.

How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?

I was surprised.

Who do you hold responsible for your success?

ABH1 Florez and ABH1 Talavera.

Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?

My favorite place was Hawaii.

What piece of advice would you pass on to others?

Keep your mouth shut and do what you have to do.

July 30, 2009

Name: *EM3 Aaron Siegel*

Dept/Div: *RX/RE*

Job Title: *Training Petty Officer*

Where are you from?

Fountain Valley, Calif.

Why did you join the Navy?

To travel as much as possible.

How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?

I was honored.

Who do you hold responsible for your success?

My mentor, EM1 Scott.

Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?

My favorite port was Hong Kong.

What piece of advice would you pass on to others?

Always be early and have a clean uniform.



August 2, 2009

Name: *AM3 John Haveman*

Dept/Div: *VFA 25/Ops*

Job Title: *Ops Yeoman*

Where are you from?

Louisville, Ky.

Why did you join the Navy?

To defend my country and get an education.

How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?

I felt nervous and flattered.

Who do you hold responsible for your success?

My positive leadership.

Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?

My favorite place was Guam.

What piece of advice would you pass on to others?

Set goals and do not lose sight of them.





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VAW 113
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AD1 Robert Espana
AZ1 Jose Molina

VFA 113
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AD1 Ivan Gulmesoff
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VFA 22
AM1 Luke Tarr
AD1 Jeromie Riley

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