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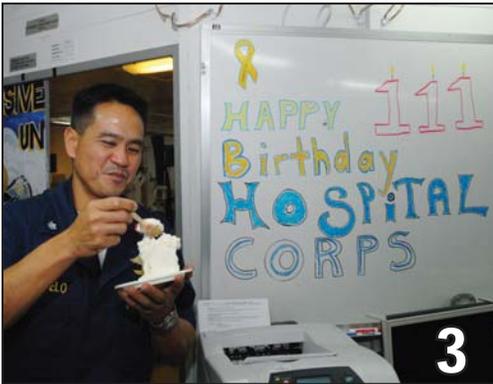
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# Tidd Bits

What's up Ronald Reagan, Seaman Tidd here. But you can call me Alex. Well, I guess that depends on who's listening. Nevermind.

It's Sunday and you know what that means! Tomorrow is Monday. I really set you up for something big, I know, but that's all I've got. Hey, I do my best.

What's significant about this Sunday in particular is that Ronald Reagan is holding its first-ever swim call. A refreshing break

from the hot weather in the South China Sea is the perfect thing leading up to Singapore! I can't wait!

And for those of you still looking for things to do in Singapore, my good buddy MCSN Ron Barr spoke with our Fun and Fit Bosses to find out the details of what is going down in the fair city.

From a poker tournament to a wealth of tours and sporting events, Singapore should have something to satisfy every palate.

But in the meantime, we're still at sea and that means conducting our primary mission, flight operations. MCSA Amanda Ray spoke with members of one of the essential ratings to flight ops, ABEs, to discuss the daily challenges they face and what keeps them motivated.

While most Sailors are doing their normal jobs underway, a select few were

given the opportunity to return to the Philippines for the anniversary of Iloilo. MC2 Ben Lewis details all that went into our community relations in the Philippines.

Health Services Department Sailors had a neat experience of their own, celebrating the 111th birthday of the Hospital Corps. MCSN Oliver Cole spoke with several corpsmen to find out what the big day meant to them.

Eating too much birthday cake during



any celebration could be bad for a Sailor's health, specifically their heart. Luckily Ronald Reagan is fortunate to be one of the only ships in the Navy with a heart surgeon aboard. MC2 Rosalie Garcia spoke with Lt. Cmdr. Alfredo Ramirez, the ship's surgeon, to find out what led him to our Health Services Department.

It was announced Friday that during this afternoon's swim call, the admiral is expected to be the first to take the plunge. I hope to see everyone else who can be there out there! Have a great Sunday Ronald Reagan!

## Contributors

### MC2 Rose Garcia

Garcia is a native Texan from Alamo, Texas. She originally joined as a lithographer's mate, but can now be found roaming the ship as a photographer. Before joining Ronald Reagan Graphics Media Department, she was stationed at Misawa Air Base, Japan where she hosted her own radio show. Garcia enjoys going to the beach and reading.

### MC2 (AW) Benjamin Lewis

Lewis is a Tarkio, Mont., native who has produced over five independent feature films. He can be found in SITE TV where he continues his work as a videographer, producing commercials, Daily News Updates and is a member of the Captain's Call Team.

### MC3 (AW) Benjamin Brossard

Brossard is a Madison, Wis., native who is currently hard at work in the print shop. With over four years of naval experience, Brossard has released hundreds of official Navy photos and has established himself in the MC rating.

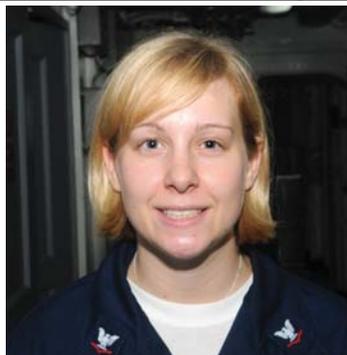
### MC3 (AW) Chelsea Kennedy

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 Reagan as part of a sea-op detachment from the Navy Public Affairs Support Element, West.

## Street Beat: What band would you like to perform this cruise?



AC3 Josiah Barta  
"Hawthorne Heights."



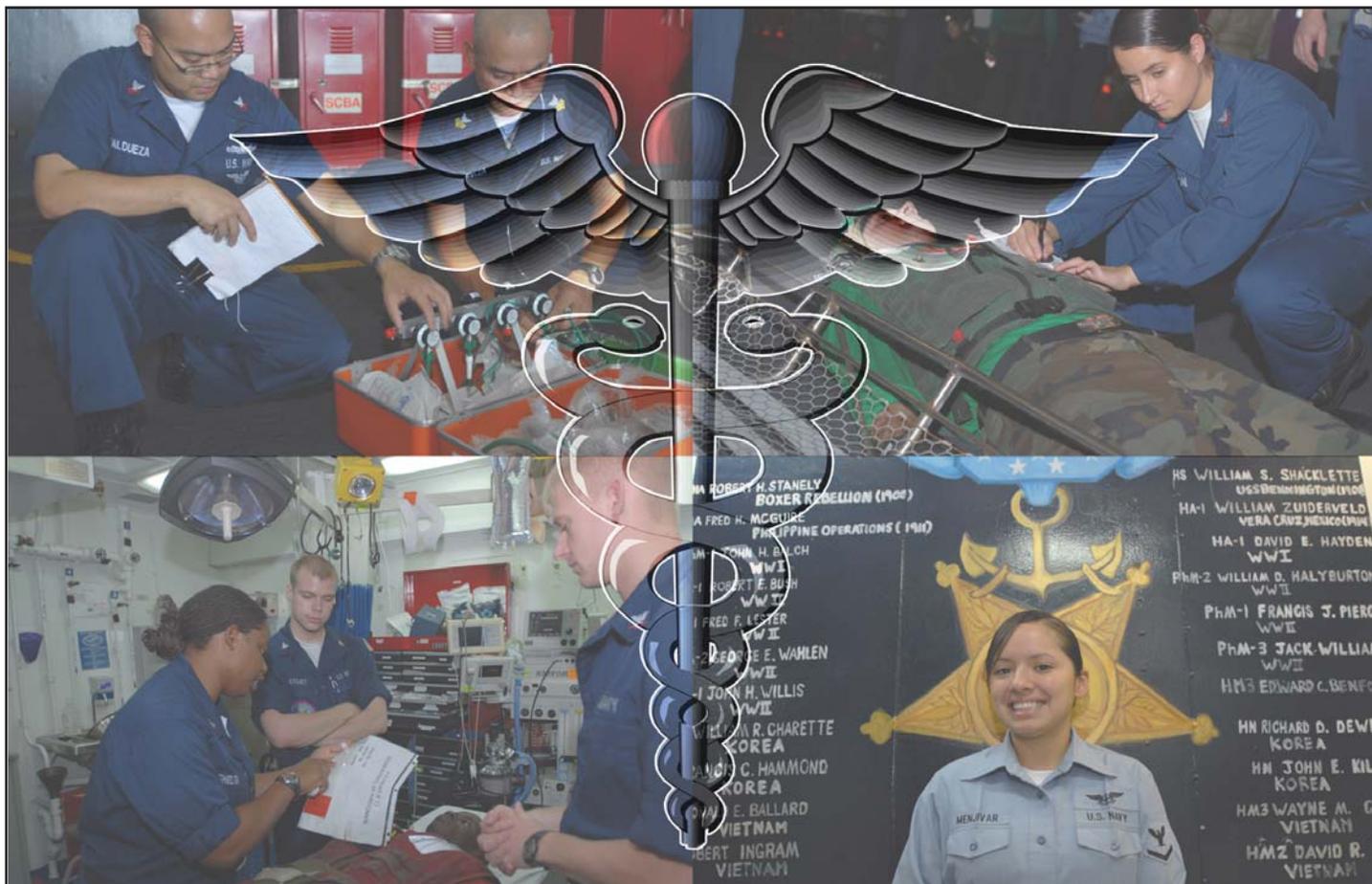
IC3 Amanda Beck  
"Chicago."



ISSN Lawrence Edwards  
"Young Jeezy."



Lt. Cmdr. Grady Duffey  
"The Cult or Queensryche."



# Hospital Corps Celebration

*Reagan's Health Services Department honors 111th birthday.*

Story By  
MCSN Oliver Cole

Photo Illustration By  
MC2 (AW) Joe Buliavac

One hundred eleven years old and still in perfect health; now that's a reason to celebrate! The Health Services Department aboard Ronald Reagan celebrated the 111th birthday of the Hospital Corps June 17. Ronald Reagan Command Master Chief Mark Rudes, a former corpsman, was there to help celebrate.

With over a century of service, the Medical and Dental Divisions came together to honor the historical day when President William McKinley signed a bill passed down by Congress to create the

U.S. Navy Hospital Corps June 17, 1898.

When the Hospital Corps began there were only corpsmen. In 1948 the rate split and dental technicians were born. Just a few years ago there was a remerge between the two rates, back to corpsmen. Now a corpsman can earn the title of dental technician with the completion of additional schooling.

Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/AW) Scott Thrasher celebrated the history and heroism of the corps.

"Hospital corpsman is the most distinguished rate in the Navy," said Thrasher.

"I say that because corpsmen have earned more Medals of Honor than any other rate and have a long history of valor on the battle field."

Corpsmen have been on the ground in every major battle since the beginning of the Hospital Corps. Since World War II, 22 corpsmen have received the Medal of Honor. They continue to make history by treading side by side with Marines into combat.

"There are more than 2,800 corpsmen Individual Augmentees (IA)," said Thrasher.

A legacy as prosperous

as that of the Hospital Corps can be inspiring. Midshipman 3rd Class Rebecca Porter has ambitions to become a Navy nurse. She is on Ronald Reagan to see what life on a U.S. Navy ship is like.

"I was in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps when I applied for the Navy nursing ROTC scholarship," said Porter. "Being part of a legacy like this is the highest honor I can get."

Along with the rich history, some Sailors are celebrating for personal reasons. Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class (AW)

as that of the Hospital Corps can be inspiring.

# MWR Offers Big Fun in Singapore

*Sports, tournaments, tours highlight activities list for port visit.*

Story By  
MCSN Ronnie Barr

Photo By  
MC3 (AW) Josh Scott

The Ronald Reagan Fun Boss and the Fit Boss, along with Ronald Reagan Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) have set up many things for Ronald Reagan Sailors to participate in when we arrive in Singapore.

There will be Ronald Reagan sporting events, game tournaments and tours ranging from the easy-going Singapore sight-seeing tours, to the extreme shark diving or mountain biking tours.

Ronald Reagan sports teams in action are the co-ed soccer team, softball teams and the elite Ronald Reagan 76ers.

The soccer team and the softball team will play a local team and the 76ers will tune up against USS Chancellorsville before a game against the Singapore national team Friday night.

“Being on a Reagan sports team is a great way to meet and get involved

with your shipmates,” said Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (equipment) 3rd Class Andrew Claveau, captain of the Ronald Reagan hockey team.

There will also be try-outs for the Reagan basketball team, a 5K Fun Run, golf tournament and a Texas Hold ‘em tournament.

The try-outs for the basketball team are on June 25 at 1000 in the Sembawang Fleet Gym.

According to MWR, the Texas Hold ‘em tournament is June 27 and will cost \$20, the golf tournament will be June 26 and will cost \$100 and the 5K Fun Run will be held June 27.

For those interested in a sport or game that isn’t available there are resources for putting a team together themselves.

“Anyone interested in starting a team or joining an existing team can contact

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# Reagan's Heart Surgeon a Rare Breed

Story & Photo By  
MC2 Rose Garcia

Ninjas, vampire slayers and clowns are some of the absurd answers parents get when they ask their children what they want to be when they grow up. For Alfredo Ramirez, his childhood dream became a reality; one he will never regret and will always cherish.

"Ever since I was a little kid, I wanted to be a doctor," said Lt. Cmdr. Alfredo Ramirez, Ronald Reagan's ship surgeon. "The only other thing I thought about was being a pilot, but I chose to be a doctor because I figured it was safer."

Ramirez spent 18 years in medical school and three days into school he realized he wanted to become a surgeon.

"I wanted to be the type of doctor that there were very few of," explained Ramirez. "I wanted to train in something

that was very challenging, that took the longest amount of time to train in and to be the last guy you could possibly call."

It was later, once Ramirez started seeing the different aspects of medicine that he decided what kind of surgeon he wanted to be. His official specialty is cardiothoracic, more commonly known as heart surgery, which most people confuse with cardiology.

"A cardiologist does simple procedures like stents and angioplasties but does not operate," explained Ramirez. "I operate on the heart, the lungs, and the esophagus for lung cancer surgery, esophageal surgery and all operations for the heart."

Growing up in Brownsville, Texas as the first born generation of a big Mexican family was not always easy. Both of his

parents are from Mexico and only spoke Spanish when they immigrated to the United States. Ramirez was five years old when he finally learned to speak fluent English. There were never really any positive role models where he grew up, and as a middle child, Ramirez had to learn to depend on himself to get where he wanted to be.

"I just knew that I wanted to do something different so I set my sights on a goal and never let anything get in the way of it," said Ramirez. "Since I really liked math and science, I chose a field where you would use a lot of it and if you applied yourself, you would do well."

That is how he ended up in medicine, but before becoming a doctor, he decided to leave Texas to go to a big

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# Efforts Remembered

Story By  
MC2 (AW) Benjamin Lewis

In commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the Typhoon Fengshen humanitarian relief project, a group of Ronald Reagan Sailors are going to Iloilo, Republic of the Philippines today for a community relations project. The Sailors will paint a new classroom and pour concrete for a multi-purpose building at native Filipino Storekeeper 3rd Class Grace Geroche's old high school, Pavia National High.

A year ago this month, Typhoon Fengshen struck the Philippines, causing massive destruction, drowning hundreds and leaving thousands without shelter, food, and clean water. Then President George W. Bush ordered USS Ronald Reagan to lend a hand in relief efforts to the Philippine island of Panay after Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo asked the United States for aid.

Ronald Reagan and Carrier Air Wing 14 provided relief for eight straight days, delivering food water and medical supplies throughout the island. C-2A Greyhound cargo aircraft from Fleet Logistics Squadron (VRC) 30 and SH-60F Seahawk helicopters from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 4 airlifted these supplies when most roads were deemed impassable. Every ship

and squadron in the Ronald Reagan Strike Group also assisted in providing supplies to the island. The aircrews flew 332 sorties, 20 to 35 missions per day in hand with Supply Department, delivering more than 519,000 pounds of rice, fresh water and medical supplies to the people of Panay. Geroche said she assisted in the relief efforts and in turn, directly helped her family who almost lost their lives in the disaster.

Ronald Reagan engineers fixed the generators in two local hospitals that lost power due to the storm. Mud was up to their shins in the hospital hallways and watermarks were high on the wall, a visual reminder of how many more deaths there could have been if the hospital had not been evacuated.

The generators were submerged in water and full of mud. A faulty fuel pump was brought back to the ship to be fixed and the mud was cleaned out of the generator, restoring electricity to the hospital.

Ronald Reagan Sailors are happy to contribute any way they can to the Philippine people. They consider it their duty to give their time and energy to help a country in need, which is keeping with the ship's motto, "Peace through Strength."



# Facebook Cause for Celebration, Concern

Story By  
MC3 (AW) Chelsea Kennedy

“Loose lips sink ships.” It has been said many times before, but still rings just as true today as it once did for propaganda posters from the World War II era. In today’s world of technology there are many ways we can keep in contact with friends and family back home, but we should always be aware of what we’re saying. One of the fastest growing ways to keep in touch with people is social networking, which can now be used aboard Ronald Reagan.

Being able to use social networking sites

like Facebook, Twitter, or TogetherWeServed are a privilege that can and will be gone if guidelines aren’t followed.

Sailors must remember operational security (OPSEC) when using social networking sites while on deployment. A seemingly routine post or blog of life on a carrier or photos of life at sea can give an adversary information on how we operate and can endanger the ship’s mission and crew.

“Very simply, if it belongs to work or if it is about work, leave it at work,” said Lt.

Francisco Vega, Ronald Reagan Ship’s Signals Exploitation Space (SSES) officer. “Anything we publish is easily accessible by a potential enemy and there are many people out there that are trying to get hold of our information to use against us or harm us.”

There are other important considerations when using these sites like bandwidth usage and system security.

“Do not stream video, and we are asking Sailors to not upload photos because of bandwidth constrictions,” said Chief Information

Systems Technician (SW/AW) Alvin Mitchell, Ronald Reagan’s information assurance manager. “When using Facebook or TogetherWeServed the concern is bandwidth. Every time you go to the photo gallery, those pictures have to load and that takes time and resources that are being eaten up and taken away from mission-critical communications.”

The actions of one Sailor could adversely affect all of us when it comes to social networking, so police your shipmates and if you see them

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## Reel Time

# Hunting Party Has Thriller Beat

Story By  
MC3 (AW) Benjamin Brossard

When one thinks of the conflict in Bosnia during the mid 1990’s the thoughts might be of the images of ethnic cleansing of the Islam-worshiping Bosnians, who have lived in the land for hundreds of years with the Serbians.

But in the film *The Hunting Party*, it starts out with journalist Simon Hunt (Richard Gere) and his cameraman Duck (Terrance Howard) running around war zones around the world. Hunt is a free spirited journalist who doesn’t shy away from sparking up joints and tilting back his flask while gunfire and shrapnel erupt mere feet away.

Duck, on the other hand, is more grounded and, in a twist of irony, is the one who has actually been wounded in their war coverage. After years of

covering wars together and doing it well, Hunt has a breakdown on live television and is subsequently fired. Duck is moved up the network totem pole and is offered a cake job as the network’s lead cameraman.

After years of covering more wars for less notable news networks, Hunt shows up in Sarajevo hoping to regain some credibility. There he meets Duck and newbie journalist Benjamin (Jesse Eisenberg), son of the network’s vice president, who are there to cover the five-year anniversary of the war’s end.

With the hope of getting the story of a lifetime Hunt persuades Duck to go with him in pursuit of Serbian war criminal Radoslav “The Fox” Bogdannovic.

Through impersonation of CIA

operatives and local connections, they find the Fox’s whereabouts. The three journalists go on a wild goose chase through the war-torn country with breaks and setbacks throughout.

The film has an identity crisis; over all, it has a thriller feel with bits of action immersed. At any point of climax, there are bits of humor or witty dialog interrupting the flow, and borderline inappropriate for the setting.

The thriller beat keeps the viewers’ interest, and keeps them wanting to see more. The moral conflict with not-so-moral characters adds to the suspense. At the end of the day, the eternal battle between good and evil is the theme. Where in the end, the good prevails and everyone lives happily ever after. Or do they?...



# Launch, Land, Maintenance, Repeat

*These hard-working green shirts keep our birds soaring.*

Story By  
MCSA Amanda Ray

The sudden impact of an aircraft catching the arresting gear wires or being launched off the ship can be heard by every Sailor aboard, especially at night while in their racks trying to sleep. But aviation boatswain's mates (Equipment) (ABE) are still awake, making sure everything runs smoothly. These greasy, hard-working Sailors call themselves the "Primary Mission Division" because of what they are accountable for on a daily basis.

"We are responsible for all the launching systems, recovery systems and the visual landing aids on deck as well," said Master Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) (AW/SW) Robert Everson. "The mission of the ship is to launch and recover aircraft. Without that, we would be

just a museum."

ABEs are found all over the ship at all hours of the day, depending on that day's flight schedule. Sometimes the hours can get to them, but ABEs understand how necessary their job is.

"It's a great job but a hard job," said Everson. "You have to have the heart and the passion to do it, because it's really hard work, long hours and the hot spaces that we have to work in on a daily basis average about 98 degrees."

Recently Ronald Reagan has had more no-fly-days allowing ABEs to have more time to do preventative and corrective maintenance.

"We try to stay a couple steps ahead of that, so we won't have to down any equipment during any

actual operations," said Everson.

Keeping the catapults and arresting gear maintained means that when the time comes to jump in the fight, Carrier Air Wing 14's aircraft will be there on time every time.

"I like the fact that because we can launch and recover, we can better support our troops on the ground and give hell to the bad guys," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 1st Class (AW/SW) Rick Maghanoy.

Every job on this ship has its ups and downs, but ABEs stay positive by keeping everything in perspective.

"It's what you make of it. Anyone can hate their job and be upset about it, but it's all about your attitude," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 3rd Class Ivy Pratt.

It may be hard to believe that they

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CH 2		CH 3		CH 4		CH 5	
0830-1035: Seven Pounds	1515-1730: He's Not that Into You	0830-1150: Step Up 2	1545-1900: Resident Evil: Extinction	0830-1150: Waist Deep	1545-1900: Music and Lyrics	0830-1150: Witless Protection	1545-1900: The Ringer
1035-1515: Curious Case of Benjamin Button	1730-1900: Not Easily Broken	1150-1545: Stop Loss	1900-0730: Mission Impossible III	1150-1545: Water Horse	1900-0730: Into the Blue	1150-1545: Ocean's 13	1900-0730: Get Smart

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Port Brief

**Your Mission Ashore:  
Represent Ronald Reagan, Your Country  
and Have a Great Time in Singapore!**

# Sudoku

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## PREVIOUS ANSWERS

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8	2	9	7	6	4	5	3	1
4	7	6	1	5	3	2	8	9
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## Transiting the Straits, Part I

Ships assigned to Carrier Strike Group 7 follow Ronald Reagan through the Surigao Straits. The Ronald Reagan Strike Group is operating in the area where its Sailors participated in humanitarian assistance in the wake of Typhoon Fengshen a year ago. Photo by MC3 (AW) Torrey Lee



## CELEBRATION

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Stefany Menjivar said she is celebrating for the love of doing her job.

"I always wanted to be a corpsman," said Menjivar. "I like helping people and making a difference. My favorite part of being a corpsman is hearing a patient say 'thank you.'"

"I feel proud to be part of such an extraordinary history," said Menjivar.

There are many reasons for corpsmen to celebrate this day. Whether it's the distinguished history, the powerful present or the unlimited future, Ronald Reagan joins in the celebration.

## MWR

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Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Robert Dunlap or me," said Luke Lockwood, the Ronald Reagan Fit Boss.

The MWR Fit Page on the Gippernet will soon have information on every sports team sponsored by MWR including individual contacts for each team.

MWR is offering 10 different tours, including the Four Cultures of Singapore, Sentosa Escapade 1 and 2, Night Safari, Morning at the Zoo, Singapore Discovery, Singapore Flyer, Traditional Bumboat and Pump Room Asia Microbrewery, Mountain Biking and a chance to dive into shark-infested waters

The Sentosa tours are four-hour morning tours of Sentosa Island with the opportunity to ride a luge down the mountainside, see the city from 200 feet above the ground during a cable car ride, get a relaxing massage or see an underwater world of life at an oceanarium.

With proper planning and a keen eye for a good time, Singapore should be a period of welcomed relaxation. For more information on a sporting event or tour go to the Supply Department's S7 Gippernet website or visit the MWR ticket office near the forward mess decks.

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university. Ramirez realized that many universities were too expensive for his price range so he joined the Navy and received a full scholarship to the University of Iowa.

"There are a lot of doctors who do the same things; they work in a clinic, in an office or out of a hospital," said Ramirez. "I wanted to put a twist on it and I felt the military would be a little different."

With over 12 years in the Navy and after being stationed all over the world, Ramirez received orders to USS Ronald Reagan. It is very unique to have a heart surgeon aboard because the billet for the ship surgeon is for a general surgeon.

"Reagan has never had a heart surgeon and probably won't ever have one assigned again," said Ramirez. "I am the very first cardiothoracic surgeon assigned to the ship."

There aren't many cardiothoracic surgeons in the country and Ramirez is one of six Navywide. Normally, a cardiothoracic surgeon will not be assigned to a ship unless he wants to be there. For Ramirez, it is a drastic difference working on the ship than working at a naval hospital, almost as different as night and day.

"For me, this is a big experience because I get to see the real Navy. I get a lot of patients' medically evacuated to me either from Iraq, Guam, Hawaii or from other ships, and you can't put the two together," said Ramirez. "Working at the naval hospital is a lot like working at a civilian hospital because I don't wear my uniform everyday; I'm in scrubs all the time and much busier since I am operating and seeing patients every day."

Some people have a job and hate it; others like Ramirez would do anything to do what they love.

"It's stressful but it's stress that you learn to handle because that's what you're trained to do," said Ramirez. "When I say I have two heart surgeries a day or four to five lung cancer surgeries a week, it's not work to me. I look forward to doing it because it's a lot of fun and it's amazing to walk out of there knowing you operated on someone's heart."

## FACEBOOK

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doing something wrong, correct them.

"Sailors must remember everything that they do has to represent the Navy and USS Ronald Reagan in a positive light," said Lt. Cmdr. Ron Flanders, Ronald Reagan's public affairs officer.

"There have been instances where Sailors have posted videos of them in uniform and put the ship in a negative light and they

need to understand that's not acceptable, that were watching and monitoring these sites," said Flanders.

Even though more of these sites are now accessible, there are still many that pose a threat concern and are blocked.

"Sites like Myspace and Youtube are currently blocked because they pose a threat concern. These sites are user-based sites created with HTML code which means users can embed malicious code and links that can take you back to other sites," said Mitchell.

It's only through Sailors' diligence that Ronald Reagan can continue to use these sites without further restrictions.

"Facebook is allowed because of the way they do business," said Rear Adm. Scott Hebner, commander, carrier strike group seven. "To be able to continue to use Facebook and other social networking sites is good for our morale, it helps people solve their own problems by having the point-to-point communications."

There are some things Sailors can do to help limit the bandwidth use so everyone can continue to use these kinds of sites.

"I recommend only using social networking after working hours," said Mitchell.

Mitchell also recommends using mobile sites when possible. The sites use less bandwidth and load faster because they have less graphic content. One example is instead of using www.facebook.com simply entering m.facebook.com (no WWW.) and proceed as normal.

So when using social networking sites, remember to keep these things in mind: OPSEC, bandwidth, and responsible use so all Sailors can continue to have the privilege of using these sites and enjoying the connectivity they provide.

"[Social networking] is a privilege, it's not a right and as long as we operate in accordance with the guidelines Sailors will continue to be able to use those sites," said Hebner.

## ABE'S

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love their job when they have to crawl into 20 inch-wide dark spaces or work all day in a scalding-hot room over 100 degrees, but they do. These hands-on people are essential to our ship's mission.

"We still end up working late, especially when the flight-ops last past midnight," said Maghanoy. "But we are ABEs and that's what we do. Somebody's gotta do it to get the mission done and that's when ABEs come along."



**June 17, 2009**

**Name:** EN3 Lucy Cervantes  
**Dept/Div:** RX/RA  
**Job Title:** Forward EDG Work Center Supervisor  
**Where are you from?**  
 South Gate, Calif.  
**Why did you join the Navy?**  
 To travel and follow my families military tradition. I am the first female and Sailor of many Army dudes.  
**How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?**  
 I felt proud.  
**Who do you hold responsible for your success?**  
 My chief and MM3 (SW/AW) Maldonado.  
**Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?**  
 My favorite place was Singapore.  
**What piece of advice would you pass on to others?**  
 Keep a strong mindset.

**June 18, 2009**

**Name:** IS3 Nicholas Magnuson  
**Dept/Div:** OPS/OZ  
**Job Title:** Imagery Analyst  
**Where are you from?**  
 Eaton, Colo.  
**Why did you join the Navy?**  
 To serve my country.  
**How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?**  
 I was surprised.  
**Who do you hold responsible for your success?**  
 My chain of command.  
**Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?**  
 Haven't been any where yet.  
**What piece of advice would you pass on to others?**  
 Don't complain about the small stuff.



**June 19, 2009**

**Name:** AME3 Victoria L. Lujan  
**Dept/Div:** VFA-115/Aircraft Div  
**Job Title:** Safety Equipment  
**Where are you from?**  
 Bullhead City, Ariz.  
**Why did you join the Navy?**  
 To start a rewarding career.  
**What did you do before you joined the Navy?**  
 I was in high school and worked part-time job.  
**How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?**  
 I was surprised and thrilled.  
**Who do you hold responsible for your success?**  
 My shop and chain of command.  
**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?**  
 Always do the best you can.

**June 20, 2009**

**Name:** ABHAN Chad Craft  
**Dept/Div:** Air/V1  
**Job Title:** Aircraft Director  
**Where are you from?**  
 Bay City, Texas  
**Why did you join the Navy?**  
 I joined for the great experience.  
**How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?**  
 I was excited.  
**Who do you hold responsible for your success?**  
 My father.  
**Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?**  
 My favorite place was South Korea.  
**What piece of advice would you pass on to others?**  
 Don't give up, strive on and prove.





# LIBERTY

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