

# WELCOME ABOARD



Shipmate,

Congratulations on your assignment to America's Flagship, USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76). You are about to embark on an exciting and fulfilling tour, as you join a superb team dedicated to operating the finest aircraft carrier in the world. As the Navy's only forward deployed aircraft carrier operating from Yokosuka, Japan, our crew's singular focus is to succeed in all operations - in peace and war - as the cornerstone of Carrier Strike Group FIVE's capability to sustain presence, project power, and to fight and win from the sea. President Ronald Reagan's phrase, "Peace Through Strength," is our ship's motto, and underscores our necessity to maintain the highest levels of readiness in order to protect our nation's interests in one of the most dynamic regions in the world.

Regardless of your previous assignments and experience, I am certain that you will enjoy the experience of being part of the USS RONALD REAGAN family. Make no mistake, this will be a very fast-paced and challenging tour, but you will have unmatched opportunities for your career and personal growth as you serve at the tip of the spear. Whether or not you will be accompanied by your family, rest assured that there is a strong support network in place to assist in the transition during this overseas assignment.

If you have not already been contacted, please reach out to our command sponsorship team via email at: [sponsor@cvn76.navy.mil](mailto:sponsor@cvn76.navy.mil). The team will provide general command information, reporting details, area information, and most importantly, ensure that you are linked with a command sponsor who will help you in the transition to our ship and Yokosuka, Japan. You can find additional information and receive updates on our command website at <https://www.airpac.navy.mil/Organization/USS-Ronald-Reagan-CVN-76/> and on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ussronaldreagan](http://www.facebook.com/ussronaldreagan). Additionally, USS RONALD REAGAN has an outstanding team of Ombudsman available to answer questions, provide guidance, and connect families to resources available locally. They can be reached via email at [cvn76ombudsman@hotmail.com](mailto:cvn76ombudsman@hotmail.com), stateside telephone (202-241-5793) or Japanese phone (080-8017-0020 or 080-8777-2616).

I am proud and excited to have you join our team, and look forward to welcoming you to "Warship 76" - the finest in the Fleet.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. D. Cardone".

**D. D. CARDONE**  
CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES NAVY  
COMMANDING OFFICER