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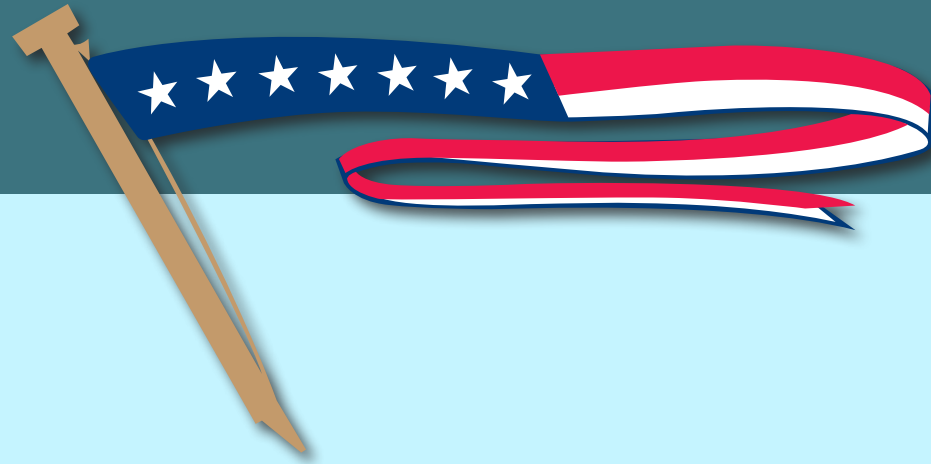
USS RONALD REAGAN

“PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH”



CAPT DARYLE CARDONE, COMMANDING OFFICER





USS Ronald Reagan was commissioned in July 2003, making it the ninth Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. The ship is named after the 40th U.S. president and carries the motto, “Peace Through Strength,” a recurrent theme during the Reagan presidency that even today — continues to resonate. The officers and crew of Ronald Reagan strive to fulfill President Reagan’s strong vision for America.

When reading this booklet, we hope you will understand why our young men and women serve with great pride and dedication aboard America’s flagship. Reagan stands ready to serve America’s interests abroad, sustaining peace, projecting power and deterring aggressors to fight and win decisively from the sea.

If you have any questions, please contact our public affairs officer at PAO@cvn76.navy.mil. Thank you for your interest and we’re glad to have you aboard!

*Captain Dale Gregory
Commanding Officer
USS Ronald Reagan (CVN76)*

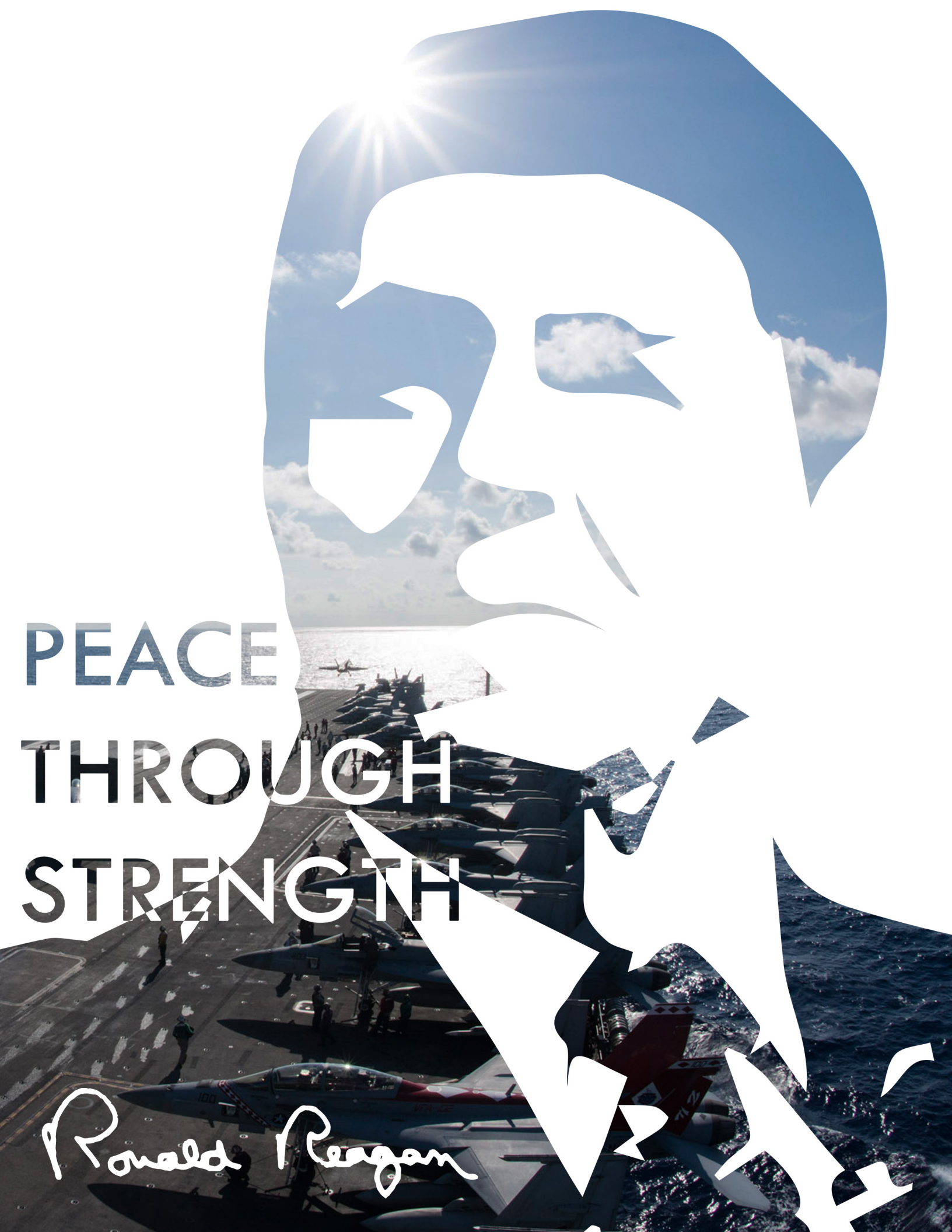
MISSION

USS RONALD REAGAN WILL CARRY OUT OUR NATION’S TASKING IN PEACETIME, DURING TIMES OF CRISIS AND AS PART OF COMBAT OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF WAR.

- During peacetime**
we will provide a credible, sustainable, independent forward presence and a highly-visible deterrence to potential aggressors.
- During times of crisis**
we will serve as the cornerstone of disaster relief/humanitarian assistance operations.
- In the event of war**
we will launch air attacks on enemies and protect friendly forces as directed by the President of the United States.



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CAPT DALE GREGORY JR.

Captain Dale Gregory Jr., a native of Boca Raton, Florida, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1997 and was designated a Naval Flight Officer in May 1999. He holds an Executive Master of Business Administration from the Naval Postgraduate School. In 2019, he completed the Navy's Nuclear Power Program.



At sea, he served with Fighter Squadron (VF) 31 deploying twice aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72); as strike operations officer in Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7 deploying aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69); as a department head in Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 32, deploying aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75); as commanding officer of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 211, leading the Checkmates on an around-the world deployment aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71); as operations officer for Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 4; as executive officer of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) and as commanding officer of USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) from June 2022 to November 2023.

His shore tours include as an instructor in Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 122 and Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106 and the Joint and Combined Warfighting School with subsequent service on the Joint Staff in the J-3 Operations Directorate at the Pentagon. He has accumulated over 2,800 flight hours and over 650 arrested landings over the course of combat deployments supporting Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and Inherent Resolve.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Individual Air Medal with Combat "V", Strike Flight Air Medal (seven awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (five awards including one with Combat "V"), the Navy Achievement Medal and various campaign, unit and individual awards.



CAPT HARRY EVANS

Captain Harry C. Evans III, a native of Liverpool, New York, is a 2003 graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. As a midshipman, he attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point as an exchange student. He was designated as a Naval Flight Officer in January 2005.

After initial training in the F/A-18F, he reported to "Black Knights" of VFA-154 in January 2006. He deployed in 2007 with Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 9 onboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Captain Evans graduated from the Navy's Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) in March 2009 and reported to Strike Fighter Weapons School, Pacific (SFWSP) as a Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor (SFTI). At SFWSP, he served as the Forward Air Controller (Airborne) (FAC(A)) Program Manager and the Strike Coordination/Armed Reconnaissance and Targeting Pod subject matter expert.

From December 2011 to May 2014, Captain Evans served at the Weapons Systems Training Officer for the "Diamondbacks" of VFA-102. He deployed twice with CVW-5 onboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) supporting 7th Fleet Operations and participating in many multinational exercises.

Captain Evans graduated from the School of Aviation Safety en route to the "Black Aces" of VFA-41 for his department head tour where he deployed in 2016 again with CVW-9 onboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

In November 2016, Captain Evans was selected as a Fellow of the first cohort of the Secretary of the Navy's Tours with Industry Program where he completed a fellowship at Boeing in St. Louis.

In December 2017, he returned to the "Diamondbacks" as the Executive Officer and assumed command in May 2019 where he completed three deployments with CVW-5 onboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) supporting multinational exercises and engagements within 7th Fleet.

In 2022, he graduated from the United States Naval War College, earning a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. He also graduated Naval Nuclear Power Training Command with distinction.

In December 2023, Captain Evans assumed his current role as Executive Officer of USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).

Captain Evans has over 4000 flight hours and over 1200 carrier arrestments. He is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, Strike/Flight Air Medal, and other personal and unit awards. He is also the recipient of the 2007 Van Pelt-Morris Junior Officer and 2013 Diamondback Leadership Awards.

CMDCM TYCHICIOUS TURNER



Command Master Chief Turner is a native of Milwaukee, WI. A graduate of Milwaukee Trade and Technical High School and Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN. He reported to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL in April 1998.

CMDCM Turner's sea duty assignments include, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69), USS BOXER (LHD 4), USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39), USS NIMITZ (CVN 68), Electronic Attack Squadron ONE FOUR ONE (VAQ 141), USS STETHEM (DDG 63) and USS JOHN P. MURTHA (LPD 26). CMDCM is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy Class 186 "Gold," Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat (CMC/COB) Course 162, Executive Leadership Symposium 2018 and Advanced CMC Course. During his previous tours, he served as Command Master Chief to Electronic Attack Squadron 141 (VAQ 141), Command Master Chief onboard USS STETHEM (DDG 63), USS JOHN P. MURTHA (LPD 26) and Command Master Chief to Naval Base Coronado, CA.

CMDCM Turner shore command include Naval Technical Training Command (NTTC) Corry Station, Southwest Intermediate Maintenance Activity/Southwest Regional Maintenance Center, and Individual Augmentee orders to Joint Detention Operations Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Commander, United States Naval Forces Central Command/Commander FIFTH Fleet. He transferred to Amphibious Construction Battalion One (ACB 1) where he was selected as a Chief Petty Officer. In January 2011, he was assigned as an Individual Augmentee to International Security Assistance Force, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.

His decorations included the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), and various unit and campaign medals. He is authorized to wear his Enlisted Surface, Aviation, Information, Expeditionary, Seabee Combat Warfare insignias along with the Enlisted Small Craft Boat pin.

He reported as Command Master Chief onboard USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) on January 2024.



RONALD REAGAN

“One thing is certain. If we’re to continue to advance world peace and human freedom, America must remain strong. If we have learned anything these last eight years, it’s that peace through strength works.”
- President Ronald Reagan Radio Address to the Nation, Sept. 24, 1988.

In foreign policy, Reagan sought to achieve “peace through strength.” During his two terms, he increased defense spending 35 percent, while seeking to improve relations with the Soviet Union.

In dramatic meetings with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, he negotiated a treaty that would

eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles (INF).

Reagan declared war against international terrorism, sending American bombers against Libya after evidence showed that Libya was involved in an attack on American soldiers in a West Berlin nightclub.

By ordering naval escorts in the

Persian Gulf, he maintained the free flow of oil during the Iran-Iraq war. In keeping with the Reagan Doctrine, he gave support to anti-Communist insurgencies in Central America, Asia and Africa.

Overall, the Reagan years saw a restoration of prosperity, and peace through strength was within grasp.

Timeline

1911	Born in Tampico, Illinois.
1937	Earned a commission as a second lieutenant in the Reserve Corps of Cavalry; appeared in 53 films over the next two decades.
1942	Transferred to the Army Air Corps and assigned to the 1st Motion Picture Unit; Reagan’s military unit produced 400 military training films.
1952	Married Nancy Davis, and they have two children, Patricia Ann and Ronald Prescott, in addition to Maureen and Michael from Reagan’s first marriage to Jane Wyman.
1966	Elected governor of California.
1970	Re-elected governor of California.
1980	Reagan wins the Republican Presidential nomination and wins the general election.
1981	Survives an assassination attempt only 69 days after taking office.
1984	Wins a second term.
1987	Signs INF treaty, the first U.S.-Soviet treaty to provide for destruction of nuclear weapons.
1989	Departs from office; the Berlin wall comes down 10 months later.
1991	Soviet Union is formally dissolved.
2004	Dies in California at the age of 93.

NANCY REAGAN



In her later years she had devoted her time to projects related to the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California, where she served on the board of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation.

The foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated



to developing and fostering President Reagan’s Four Pillars of Freedom: preserving individual liberty; promoting economic opportunity; advancing democracy around the world; and instilling pride in our national heritage.

On March 4, 2001, Mrs. Reagan served as sponsor to



christen USS Ronald Reagan in Newport News, Virginia. She returned to the Hampton Roads area July 12, 2003 to attend the commissioning of USS Ronald Reagan in Norfolk, Virginia.

Since the commissioning, Mrs. Reagan was an active supporter of the officers and crew of USS Ronald Reagan.

Timeline

1921	Born in New York City.
1943	Graduated from Smith College in Massachusetts.
1943-56	Stage performances on road tours and Broadway; made 11 films.
1967	Becomes California’s First Lady and heavily involved in the Foster Grandparent Program, a program which brings together senior citizens and handicapped children.
1980-84	Becomes First Lady of the United States; co-author’s book, <i>To Love a Child</i> ; focuses on fighting drug and alcohol abuse among American youth.
1985-89	Expands her drug awareness campaign to an international level by inviting First Ladies from around the world to attend briefings on youth drug abuse; serves as Honorary Chairman of numerous organizations including the National Federation of Parents Drug-Free Youth and the “Just Say No” Foundation.
1989	Leaves the White House, but establishes the Nancy Reagan Foundation to continue efforts to educate people about the serious dangers of substance abuse.
2002	Receives the Congressional Gold Medal and Presidential Medal of Freedom.
2003	Attended USS Ronald Reagan’s commissioning ceremony in Norfolk, Virginia.
2016	Dies in California at the age of 94.

USS RONALD REAGAN

CVN 76

A GLIMPSE THROUGH THE LAST NINE YEARS ABOARD
THE UNITED STATES NAVY'S ONLY FORWARD-DEPLOYED CARRIER



APRIL 19

Vice President Mike Pence visited USS Ronald Reagan



2015

DECEMBER 3

Arrived in Yokosuka, Japan, as part of a historic three-carrier hull swap and subsequent homeport change



2017



2018

JUNE 7 - 16

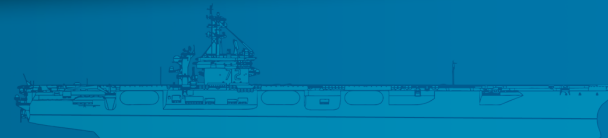
Participated in Malabar 2018 exercise with Japanese self-defense forces in India



JULY 11

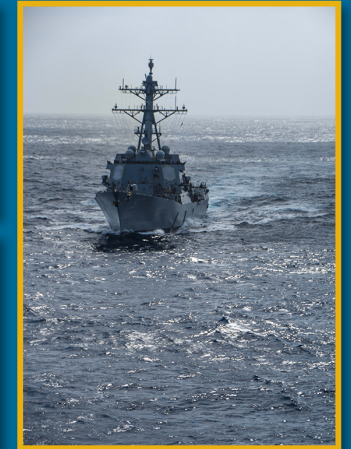
Participated in exercise Talisman Sabre 2019 off Australia's east coast to illustrate the closeness of the Australian and U.S. alliance and strength of the military-to-military relationship

2019



JUNE 26

Deployed to the Middle East to help assist in Operation Allies Refuge by facilitating the safe transit of more than 7,000 U.S. citizens and evacuees



2021



AUGUST 2

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, visited Taiwan. USS Ronald Reagan deployed in the vicinity of Taiwan in response to missile launches conducted by China



2022

MARCH 29

Won 2022 Battle "E" for Pacific carriers

JUNE 25

Made third port visit to Vietnam since 2018

2023



2024

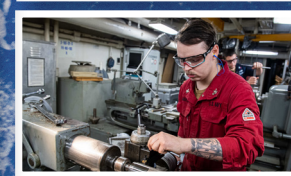
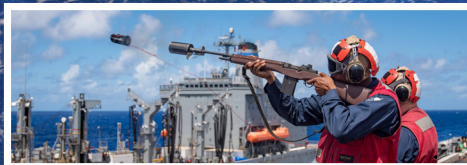
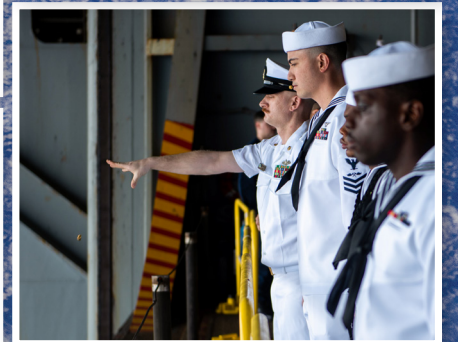
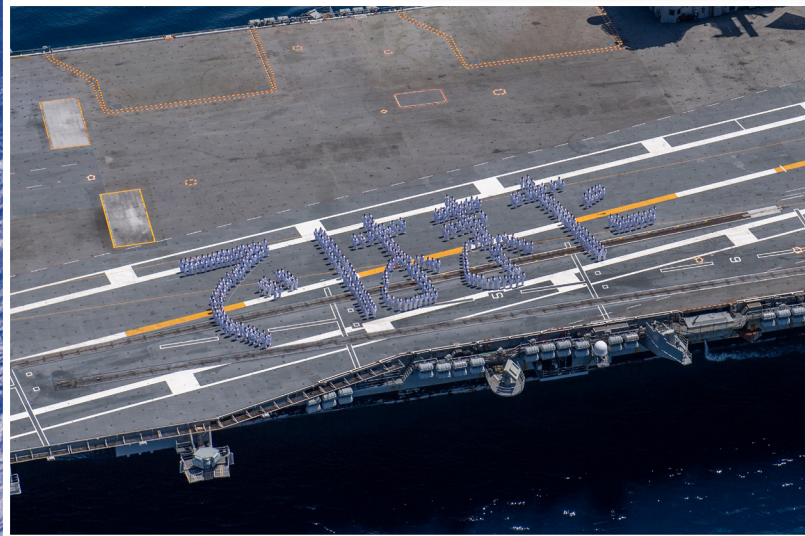
MAY 16

Departed Yokosuka, Japan, after being homeported there for nine years, in route to its new homeport in Bremerton, Washington

JUNE 7

Participated in joint forces exercise Valiant Shield 2024 in the Philippine Sea





USS RONALD REAGAN

CVN 76 9 YEARS AS THE FDNF CARRIER

2015

Homeport shift from San Diego to Yokosuka



2016

CVN 76 visits Busan

2020

Deployment during global pandemic



Deployed to U.S. 5th Fleet AOR with CVW 5 in support of Operation Allies Refuge and the evacuation of over 7,000 U.S. citizens and refugees from Afghanistan

2021

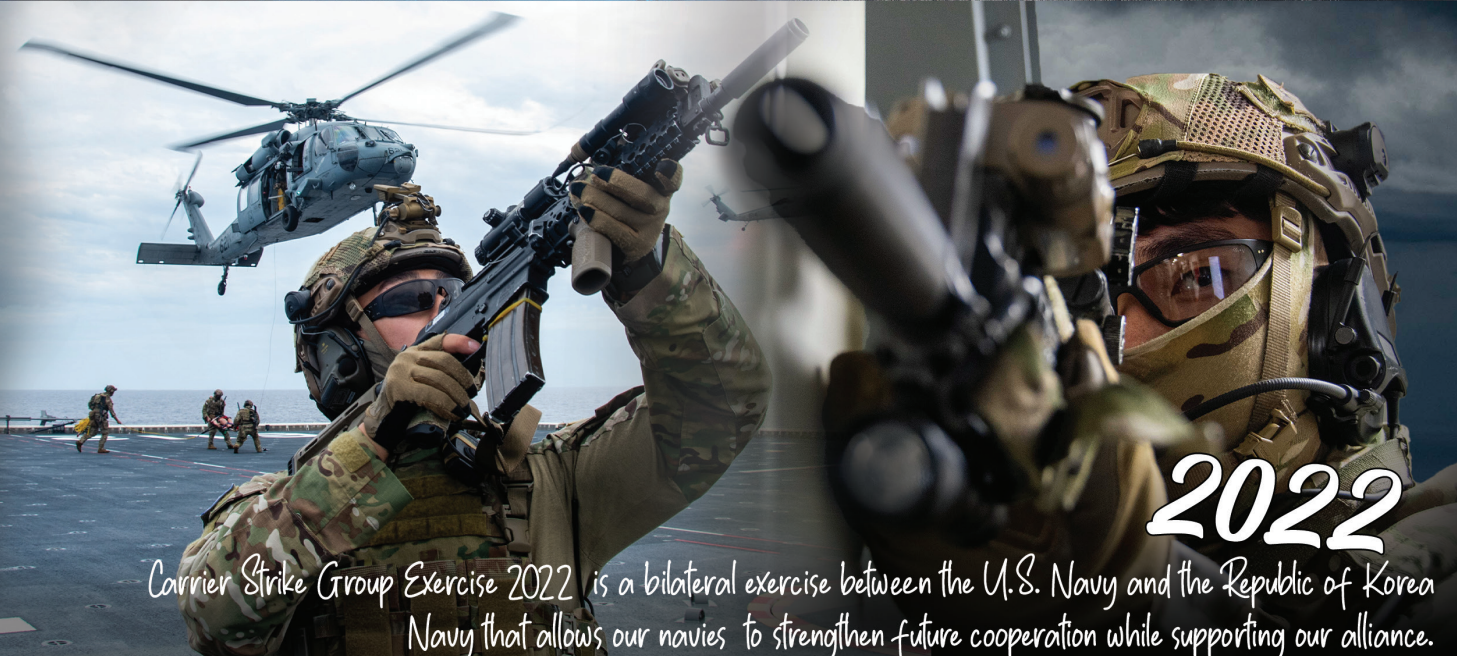
2017

First ever laser surgery aboard an FDNF carrier



CVN 76 visits Hong Kong

2018



2022

Carrier Strike Group Exercise 2022 is a bilateral exercise between the U.S. Navy and the Republic of Korea Navy that allows our navies to strengthen future cooperation while supporting our alliance.

2023



Ronald Reagan's final full deployment as the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier, completing 1,838 launches and recoveries in the Indo-Pacific

2024

Ronald Reagan departs Japan for its new homeport, Bremerton.

SHIP'S SEAL

The ship seal was designed by USS Ronald Reagan's plankowner crew with historical assistance provided by staff members at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation in Simi Valley, California.

Red border rings the ship's seal, much like the distinctive red rim defined the White House china.

Four gold stars represent Reagan's 40th presidency and his four pillars of freedom: individual liberty; promoting economic opportunity; advancing global democracy; and instilling national pride.

The aircraft carrier is positioned by the West Coast, representing Reagan's two terms as governor of California.



The three aircraft with patriotic contrails symbolize the three major military operations directed during President Reagan's tenure: Operation Urgent Fury; Operation El Dorado Canyon; and Operation Preying Mantis.

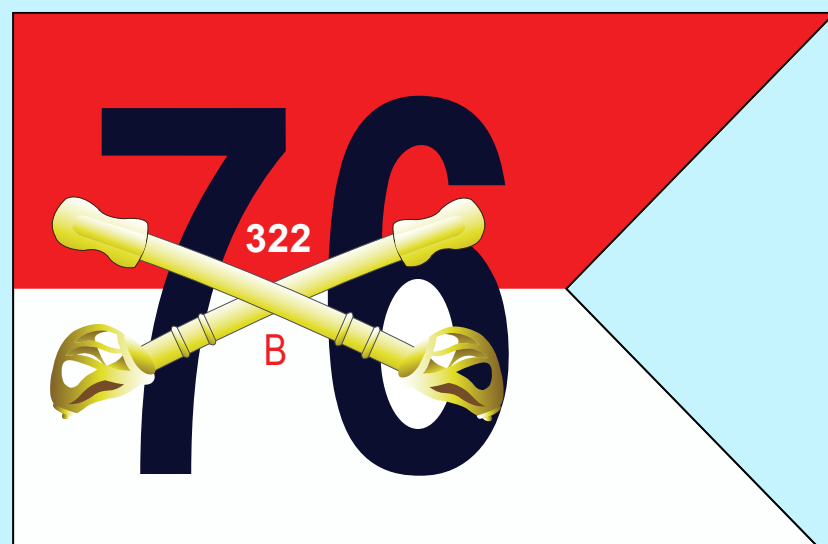
The view of the globe signifies the president's vision of global democracy.

COMMAND BATTLE FLAG

During special ship evolutions, a battle flag is flown from the mast of U.S. Navy ships. The USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) battle flag continues this tradition with a design created exclusively by her plankowner crew to honor our namesake.

Like the ship's seal, each aspect of the battle flag has relevance to President Reagan.

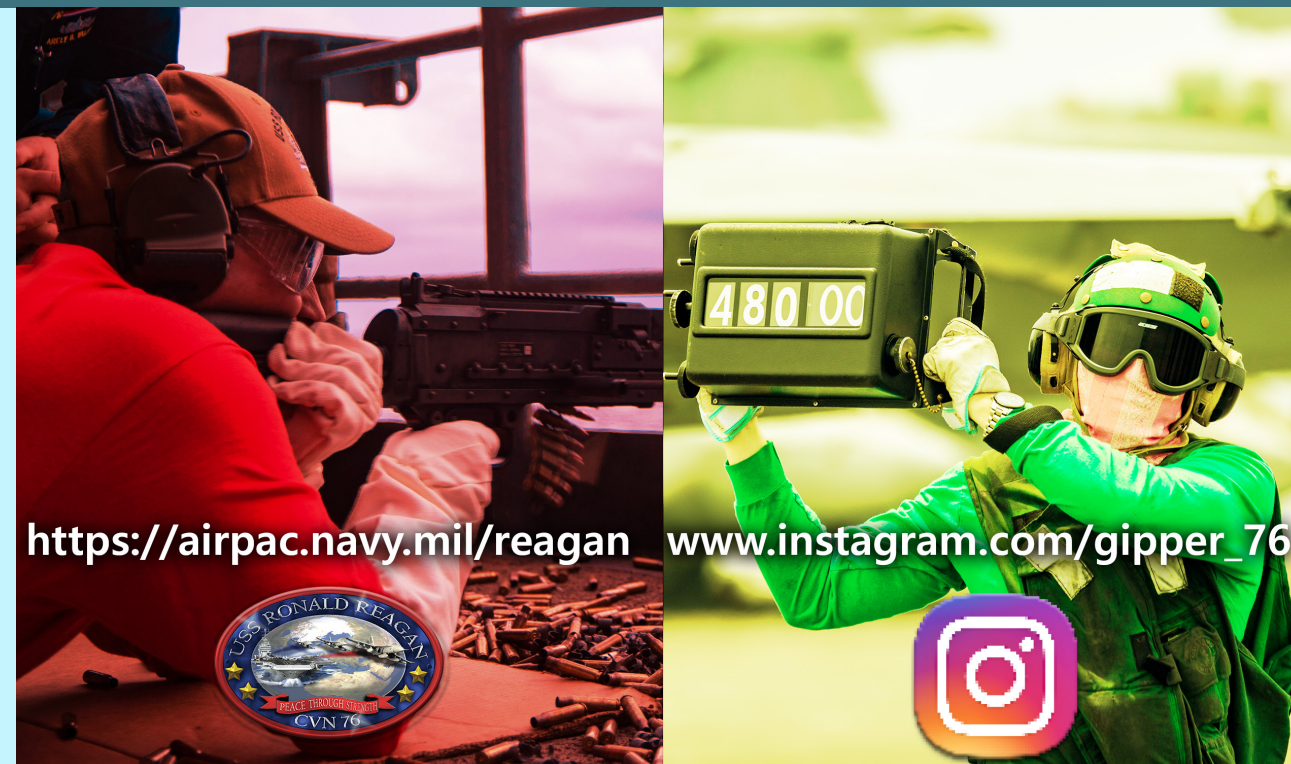
President Reagan's personal military experience began in 1935 when he enlisted as a private in Troop B, 322nd Cavalry – the reason



for the letter B and the numbers 322.

In April of 1937 he earned a commission as a second lieutenant in the Reserve Corps of Cavalry. The red over white background is reminiscent of the 11th Cavalry's original guidon (or flag) and later, their unit's patch.

The crossed sabers reflect those found on the cover or cap of a cavalry officer as early as the 1800s.



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2001	March 4	Christened in Newport News, Va. by Mrs. Nancy Reagan.
2003	July 12	USS Ronald Reagan commissioned in Norfolk.
	May 27	Departed Norfolk en route to San Diego.
2004	July 23	Arrived in San Diego, its new homeport.
	January 4	Departed San Diego on maiden combat deployment in support of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.
	February 27	Marked the first time combat missions were flown from the ship's deck; VFA-115 aircraft dropped ordnance on targets in Iraq
2006	July 6	Returned from maiden combat deployment.
	January 27	Departed San Diego on surge deployment to Western Pacific.
	February 26	Won the 2006 Battle "E" for Pacific carriers.
	April 20	Returned from surge deployment.
	December 15	After HS-4 pilots airlifted a passenger from a nearby cruise ship, on-board medical personnel successfully performed an emergency appendectomy.
2007	May 19	Departed San Diego on deployment to the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.
	June 25 - July 3	Performed humanitarian aid mission in Panay, Republic of the Philippines after the island was struck by Typhoon Fengshen.
	August 28	Supported Operation Enduring Freedom; CVW-14 pilots flew 1,150 combat sorties in support of coalition troops in Afghanistan.
2008	November 25	Returned to San Diego from deployment.
	February 17	Won 2008 Battle "E" for Pacific carriers.
	May 28	Departed on deployment to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility.
	July 6	Supported Operation Enduring Freedom; CVW-14 pilots flew over 1,600 combat sorties in support of coalition troops in Afghanistan.
2009	October 21	Returned to San Diego from deployment.

2010	February 10	Won 2009 Battle "E" for Pacific carriers, earning three Battle "E" awards for combat efficiency in four years.
	February 2	Departed San Diego for fifth combat deployment to the 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.
	March 11	Conducted humanitarian missions to Japan following the 9.0-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami, delivering thousands of pounds of food, water, clothing and medical aid to Japanese citizens. Supported Operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom while deployed to 5th Fleet.
2011		
2015	December 3	Arrived in Yokosuka, Japan, as part of a historic three-carrier hull swap and subsequent homeport change.
2017	April 19	Vice President Mike Pence visited USS Ronald Reagan.
2018	June 7-16	USS Ronald Reagan participated in Malabar 2018 exercise with Japanese Self-Defense Forces and India near Guam.
2019	July 11	Participated in 2019 Exercise Talisman Saber off Australia's east coast to illustrate the closeness of the Australian and U.S. alliance and the strength of the military-to-military relationship.
2021	June 26	Deployed to the Middle East to help assist in Operation Allies Refuge by facilitating the safe transit of more than 7,000 U.S. citizens and evacuees.
2022	August 2	Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi visits Taiwan. Reagan deploys in the vicinity of Taiwan in response to missile launches conducted by China.
	March 29	Won 2022 Battle "E" for Pacific carriers.
2023	June 25	USS Ronald Reagan ports in Tien Sa port in Da Nang, Vietnam, the third visit a U.S. carrier has made to Vietnam since 2018.
	May 16	USS Ronald Reagan departed Yokosuka, Japan, after being homeported there for nine years, en route to its new homeport in Bremerton, Washington state.
	June 7	Participated in joint forces exercise Valiant Shield in the Philippine Sea.
2024	August 13	Arrives at Bremerton, Wa after being the U.S. Navy only forward-deployed aircraft carrier after 9 years.

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