

Rio

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many violent crimes with weapons committed in Rio than in any city in the United States.

For those reasons, Ronald Reagan's SLG will patrol Rio to ensure all Sailors are safe and informed.

Their mission is to supply information on liberty expiration, explain off-limit areas and enforce civilian clothing regulations. They will also

have knowledge of transportation, recreational facilities, first-aid procedures and the locations of hospitals in the area.

There are a number of issues Ronald Reagan Sailors should be aware while on liberty in Rio.

To view the guidelines as directed by the ship's chain of command, everyone is encouraged to read Reagan Note 5050, (see Ronald

Reagan's intranet page at <http://cvn76intra/admin/notices02.htm>) which outlines Reagan's liberty policy in Rio.

Ronald Reagan's first foreign port visit will present an opportunity for its Sailors to experience the music and passion Rio is famous for.

It will also allow the world's largest aircraft carrier to personify its motto – Peace Through Strength.



Copacabana is a world famous beach that spans three miles in front of one of the most densely populated residential areas on the planet.

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Major League Baseball has been at the forefront of almost every major societal issue this country has dealt with. Take the civil rights movement as an example.

Before there was Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. there was Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby.

Robinson wasn't the greatest baseball player to ever step between the lines, but he may have been the most heroic.

He endured extreme racial discrimination most people can't even envision. He was spat upon, cursed at, isolated by some of his teammates, and endured death threats. Against

all that, he never raised his fists in anger; he never fought back. He just gracefully went about his business and played a Hall of Fame career.

Year after year, thousands of baseball fans expect ... hope their beloved Cubs will finally break that dreaded "Curse of the Billy Goat."

Sure, it is a ridiculous story -- a local pub owner tries to get his pet goat into a World Series game in the mid 40s and his goat is denied.

As a result, he curses the Cubs. They have never returned to the World Series. But regardless, the hope and faith Cubby fans show

year in and year out personifies what this great country is all about.

Regardless of current events, world conditions and political moods, America always presses on and Cubs fans always hope.

No other sport in this country can even come close to sharing those same traditions. No other sport in America is as steeped in history.

Baseball is not as popular today as football or even basketball in some pockets of the country, but no other sport has stood the test of time quite like baseball.

If in a hundred years, NASCAR is still around, I will come back and give those left turning drivers their due respect. Until then, I will stick to the foundation of American sports.

Wednesday Sailor of the Day
FR Jeffrey Monroe

Dept: Engineering
What is your job title?
Electrician
Where are you from?
Athens, Tenn.
Why did you join the Navy?
To be closer to my brother
Your favorite place

to visit?
Anywhere new
Your favorite movie?
The Matrix
What is your favorite book?
And the Green Grass Grew all Around
What did you do before the Navy?
Worked in a factory
What is your favorite song?
Unstable by Ademo
What inspires you?
True freedom
Who do you hold responsible for your success?
My mother
What's your favorite quote?
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"

Tuesday Sailor of the Day
MM3 (SW) Austin Burton

Dept: Training
Job Title: School of the Ship Coordinator
Where are you from?
Lebanon, Tenn.
Why did you join the Navy?
Money for education
What did you do before

you joined the Navy?
Cracker Barrel Warehouse
Your favorite place to visit?
Montego Bay, Jamaica
Your favorite movie?
Goodfellas
What is your favorite song?
I am Loco by Ill Nino
What inspires you?
My wife and daughter
What would you consider your strongest asset?
Being a good father to my daughter and a good husband to my wife
What's your favorite quote?
"The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name"

Wednesday Sailor of the Day
AC3 (AW) Michael Thomas

Dept: Operations
Job Title: Air Traffic Controller
Where are you from?
Ariz.
Why did you join the Navy?
To do something with my life

What did you do before you joined the Navy?
Roofing
Your favorite place to visit?
Pa.
Your favorite movie?
Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas
What is your favorite song?
Smells Like Teen Spirit by Nirvana
What inspires you?
My Family
Who do you hold responsible for your success?
Lt. Jeff Davis
What's your favorite quote?
"Skinny, fat, fat, skinny"



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Ready Set Go ... Rio

By JO2 Paul Simonds

Staff Writer

The song has stood the test of time. Lola and Tony fell in love, and tomorrow Ronald Reagan Sailors will now have the opportunity to visit –

At the Copa, Copacabana The hottest spot north of Havana

At the Copa, Copacabana Music and passion were always in fashion

At the Copa...they fell in love.

Simply hanging out on the white sandy beaches and in the turquoise waters of Copacabana will amount to a wasted



Pão de Açúcar (Sugar Loaf) is God's gift to the picture-postcard industry. Two cable cars climb 1,300 feet above Rio overlooking one of the world's most beautiful cities.

opportunity for Sailors Welfare and Recreation division is determined to give Sailors here every opportunity to see as

much of Rio De Janeiro as possible over the next four days.

"I think MWR's major goals for the ports are to get Sailors to see the countries they are visiting and walk away with some memories," said Leslie Evlebak, MWR director and "Fun Boss." "We want to get Sailors out to see how the rest of the world lives."

MWR has a number of tours lined up for the port visit in Rio, including: a hang gliding adventure, white-water rafting, museum and monument visits, a trip to Niteroi (Brazil's longest bridge) and much more.

"I've put out a lot of information on things to see," said Evlebak.

From schooner rides to museums, Sailors will have plenty to keep themselves entertained,

according to Evlebak.

In addition to the tours offered by MWR, there are plenty of things to do in Rio. However, safety must be the number one priority for Ronald Reagan Sailors.

The Ship's Liaison Group (SLG) to Rio is on hand to ensure each Sailor has as much fun as possible within safety parameters.

Rio is a much more dangerous city than any metropolis in the United States, according to the U.S. Military Liason's Office in Brazil.

New York reported 584 homicides in 2002 while Los Angeles reported 653 for the same year.

In 2002, Rio reported there were between 8,000 and 10,000 homicides. There are 13 times as

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Ronald Reagan Dies at 93



PH3 Elizabeth Thompson reacts to the news that former president and ship's namesake Ronald Reagan passed away in his California home, Saturday. The president will receive a funeral Friday at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. Please see the special pull-out section dedicated to Ronald Reagan in this issue.

CVW 11 Mans Reagan, Prepares for Training

by JO2 Paul Simonds
Staff Writer

As the Navy's newest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier transits around Cape Horn on the way to its new homeport in San Diego, Ronald Reagan, and its air wing, Carrier Air Wing 11 (CVW 11), is presenting the very best America has to offer.

CVW 11, armed with eight F/A-18 Super Hornets, three E-2C Hawkeye 2000s, four SH-60 helicopters and two C-2 Greyhounds, is manning Ronald Reagan and will conduct various training missions with South American navies throughout the upcoming UNITAS exercises.

Executing those training missions help ensure the Sailors, from pilots to parachute riggers, are ready to answer the call of the nation.

"We're lucky for engagement opportunities with some of the South American navies, which will not only be great training for us but for them as well," said Capt. Jim Greene, commander CVW 11.

Like any training or wartime evolution, success can only be attained if all hands involved are pulling together.

"It's great to be a part of this," said AD3 (AW) Tim Amoroso. "I'm a mechanic. I fix the engine for the E-2C Hawkeye."

According to Amoroso, he and his fellow mechanics play a vital role in the success of CVW11. If they can't fix the aircraft or complete the required preventative maintenance, the bird can't ascend from the flight deck.

"It's great because



by IC1 Michael Helke

AM3 (AW) Mike Lesaca of CVW 11 completes preventative maintenance procedures on one of the E-2C Hawkeye 2000s ensuring the aircraft completes its mission.

(I'm) part of the best. I do my job the best I can for the best country in the world," said Amoroso.

CVW 11 Sailors are proud to be on board Ronald Reagan throughout its first operational deployment.

"I thought this

would be something memorable," said Lt. Bryan Vander Shur, CVW 11's flight surgeon. "I can someday tell somebody I was on Ronald Reagan's first cruise."

"It's a big deal to a lot of people because President Reagan was still

alive when this aircraft carrier was made.

"It was the only carrier that took to the sea and was named after a live president at the same time. It's pretty significant," added EC2 Hawkeye Flight Deck CVW 11 ... Cont. on page 3

Main Event

by JO2 Paul Simonds
Staff Writer

There has been much said about my article regarding NASCAR being more of a past time than an actual sport, so I thought I would take this opportunity to shed a little light on what I feel is a true classic American sport.

From the roaring '20s to the Great Depression, through "The Greatest Generation" of the WWII era, into the civil rights movement, and over the overexposed MTV era, baseball has stood the test of time.

Baseball has captured the imagination of generations of Americans. Establish in the late 1800s,

Major League Baseball has since provided a mirror image to American society.

According to legend, while playing center field a Union soldier was once shot in the back by a Confederate. Northerners would often pass the time between battles with a game of baseball. The story continues that just seconds before the center fielder was shot, a ball was hit to right field. A runner was trying to score from second and the play continued until the out was recorded at the plate. The Union soldiers did not stop the action on the field to tend to their fallen comrade until the play had concluded. Continuing play in the midst of such a

tragedy may seem insane, but it also shows how captivating a sport baseball can be when in the heat of the moment.

You see, baseball has always held an important role in our society.

As WWII broke out and the country banded together, MLB lost some of its best talent to the war effort. Those men didn't go unwillingly either. Many, like Ted Williams, volunteered to defend the United States. He along with Pee Wee Reese, Hank Greenberg and countless others stepped forward to rise up and represent what would become known as this country's greatest generation.

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Reader's Choice... What is your Fondest Memory of Ronald Reagan?



YNC Derek Brown
"When he said 'an eye for an eye' after the USS Stark incident"



Lt. Danny King
"He wasn't phony ... nothing about him was staged"



Chaplain (LT) Richard House
"When I visited the Ranch House and saw how down to earth he was"



ABH1 Darwin Soriano
"His speech asking Gorbachev to 'tear down this wall'"



HM2 Luis Reyes
"His speech implying the Challenger heros touched the face of God"

Reel Time Back to the Future

Tonight on Channel 5

by JO2 Paul Simonds
Staff Writer

If nothing else, the sweet sounding songs of "The Power of Love" and "Johnny Be Good," should make you smile.

The music in *Back to the Future* is just one small aspect of a film, which in my opinion, is a classic.

I remember sitting, as a young boy, in the theatre watching that guy from *Family Ties*, Michael J. Fox, scamper across the silver screen bantering back and forth with Christopher Lloyd, smiling from ear to ear.

As I got older, the idea of traveling back in time began to seem a bit more far-fetched, but regardless, this Robert Zemeckis directed adventure is almost believable.

The premise is set in 1985 featuring a young man named Marty (Fox) who is struggling to fit in with his classmates.

He plays in a rock and roll band that, well...just isn't that good.

He is also a friend of an

ACTING = B+
DIRECTING = A-
STORYLINE = A
CAMERA WORK = B
OVERALL = B+

older scientist he refers to as Doc (Lloyd).

Doc puts together a time machine, but to do so, he had to steal plutonium from a group of Libyans.

As Doc attempts to test his new time machine, the Libyans catch up with and eventually kill him.

Marty witnesses the entire event, and jumps in the time machine to escape. He does safely escape the Libyans ... in 1955.

Hilarity ensues as Marty tries to get *Back to the Future*. He encounters his high school aged parents, the local school bully and his own high school principal.

Sure this movie is a stretch of reality, but in the end, you will find yourself laughing and in a good mood.

This movie really put Fox on the map as a big-time star and helped show a whole new generation the genius of Lloyd.

Today's Movies

Channel 2

- Along Came a Spider
- Beautiful Joe
- Blow
- Broken Arrow
- Crocodile Dundee in L.A.
- Double Whammy
- Driven
- Forever Mine

Channel 4

- Red Planet
- Relative Values
- Thunderball
- All the Pretty Horses
- Back to the Future
- Close Encounters
- Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
- Double Take

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
After a hard day of work, I sat down in front of the "boob-tube" to watch *The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*.

Just as I was beginning to immerse myself in the storyline, I was pulled away to complete a task deemed "mission essential."

I haven't seen the film in its entirety and would like to know if you guys could play it again.

I'm not sure how the schedule is created, but if you could please ... please play it again, I would be forever grateful.

-- Movie Buff

Dear Movie Buff,
I feel your pain! I would have loved to watch that film as well, but we all know our duties come first.

Blockbuster movies, such as Lord of the Rings: Return of the King, are always in high demand; Therefore, I can assure you they will play again.

I encourage you to keep an eye on the Command Information Channels for the movie schedules. We are also in the process of posting the movies on the intranet.

-- Editor

Thank you for submitting questions to this column. Feel free to send your questions to apao@reagan.navy.mil. with a catchy nickname.

Spanish Lessons...

"Que hora cierran?"

"What time do you close?"

CVW 11

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Chief Aviation Mechanic (AW) Tommy Grahm.

Grahm started his naval career aboard USS Midway.

"The Midway is always going to be near and dear to my heart because it was my first ship," said Grahm.

"They (the younger airmen here) are going to remember this because this is their first cruise. Twenty years from now they are going to be saying the same things about the Reagan I say about Midway."

As Ronald Reagan takes its first steps toward

a lifespan, which will bind generations of surface Sailors together, it will also tie generations of airmen as well.

The relationship between the two will breed a sense of security America will be grateful for long after this great war ship