

## What to the bring to the ship / What not to bring to the ship

**PASSPORT-** Although passports are not required for service members, it is strongly recommended that you obtain your tourist passport prior to transferring to Japan. Having a tourist passport could potentially alleviate any unforeseen administrative burdens if you need to unexpectedly depart the area of responsibility (AOR) i.e. medical emergencies, AMROSS; etc. For example, if the ship is deployed and you need to travel back to Japan or return to the United States on emergency leave, depending on which country you may need to fly through, not possessing a tourist passport may make it next to impossible to get to where you need to go. Plus it gives you the ability to fully enjoy living overseas and travel to other countries. If you transfer to Japan without a personal passport, one can still be obtained for you and your family, if applicable, at the American Embassy in Tokyo.

**SEABAG-** Ensure you have a full sea bag and appropriate civilian attire on hand for in-port and underway periods, to include foreign ports. The climate in Japan can vary from very hot, humid and rainy in the summer to very cold and windy in the winter. Snow is possible but usually unlikely. Some of the possible ports, such as Singapore, may require more professional & conservative liberty attire that requires such items as collared shirts and a belt. Be aware that while one part of the AOR is wearing summer uniforms, another may be wearing winter uniforms. Typically in Yokosuka, dress whites are worn from May through November and dress blues the other part of the year. It is recommended that you bring at least 21 days of blue undershirts, black socks & undergarments for daily use. Self-serve laundry is typically available but may be temporarily secured at inconvenient times in order to support shipboard operational requirements. The typical uniform worn underway by most of Ships Force is shipboard issued coveralls which are issued during check-in or flight deck jerseys with pants for personnel who work on the flight deck. Personnel that are part of Security Department or TAD to Security will typically wear NWUs.

**SINGLE SAILOR HOUSING-** Un-accompanied housing for single sailors here in Japan can only accommodate a portion of the REAGAN's crew. This selection & privilege is based strictly on work performance and is available for REAGAN's outstanding E-4 and below. Some of our single sailors do live onboard the ship. Please ensure you pack smartly as real estate is at a premium. A typical Navy rack is about 28" wide by 75" long by 8" deep. You will also be provided a standup locker that is about 8" wide by 36" tall by 24" deep. While some departments may have a seabag locker, it is your responsibility to store what you cannot fit into your rack & locker. Generally 1 seabag, 1 backpack, 1 garment bag will fit perfectly with a little bit of room left for toiletries and daily products.

**Shopping Onboard-** Many common things that you may need for everyday living such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, etc. are available at either one, or both of the Ship's Stores located onboard. In order to pay for these things as well as the ability to use the food, drink and snack vending machines you will need to establish a Navy Cash card. In order to do so you will need to have the necessary banking information such as your bank account number and the bank's routing number.

**What not to bring-** This should go without saying but alcohol & any other illegal substances are not permitted onboard. Other articles that could be seen as contrary to good order and discipline, as well as anything else that could be seen as inappropriate or offensive to other individuals should also not be brought on board.