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**-Ronald Reagan**

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Wednesdays are good days. They signify being halfway through the work week when we're in port, and in this particular instance, that we're a mere week away from the potentially limitless good times that Singapore has to offer. Well, all the good times you can fit into our three days off this month.

It is important that we leave our Singaporean hosts with a warm and fuzzy feeling when they think of the Ronald Reagan Strike Group, the Navy and the United States in general, so we have a lot to live up to. Alright I'll get down from my soapbox because we'll be hearing all about it over the next week.

However, with our upcoming port visits, some host countries are concerned with the proliferation of the Swine Flu (H1N1). But, as MC3 Torrey Lee reports, they need not be worried. Our Health Services department has taken every precaution to halt the advance of this viral infection.

Our next story takes us into the world of Ronald Reagan sports with MC2 Chad Bascom. MWR is offering teams and events for nearly every competitive sport, and if they don't, Bascom will let you know how to do something about it and start a team.

Speaking of competition, the crew of Ronald Reagan can't seem to stop adding

to our list of accolades. AC2 Quincy Kelley was recently dubbed the Air Traffic Controller of the Year for his outstanding work in CATCC and told MC3 Briana Brotzman about what went into earning such a title.

MC3 Chelsea Kennedy spoke with our admiral and ADP about an issue that makes a lot of people happy and a lot of people worried all at once. We've recently been granted access to social networking sites



such as Facebook and Twitter, and TGC has the nitty-gritty about the new protocol pertaining to such sites.

Our final article is brought to you by... Me! Hah, anyway, I took the job of this weeks Reel Time, which is about this spring's comedy smash Role Models. And if you like the sound of it, Role Models will be airing on SITE TV Saturday morning.

One week until we park our healthy ship in Singapore, so let's hold it together until then. And just think, when we leave Singapore we'll be nearly a quarter of the way to San Diego. Happy Wednesday everyone!

## Contributors

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Garcia is a native Texan from Alamo, San Antonio. She originally joined as an LI, but can now be found roaming the ship as a photographer. Before joining Graphics Media, she was stationed at Misawa Air Base, Japan where she hosted her own radio show.

### MC2 Aaron Holt

Holt is a Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., native. He originally joined the Navy as a journalist and graduated from the Defense Information School in Fort Meade, Md. Now on board Reagan, he's now in the Print Shop working as the assistant work center supervisor..

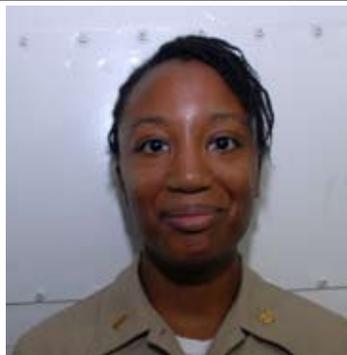
### MC3 (AW) Torrey Lee

Lee is a Chicago native who joined the Navy on June 6, 2006. Trained as a journalist at Columbia College Chicago, Lee enlisted in the Navy as a journalist to help the civilian population understand today's military.

## Street Beat: What are you doing to beat the heat?



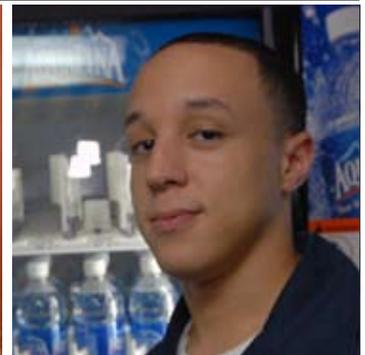
ET3 Jerrery Armentrout  
"I have a portable fan."



Lt. j.g. Leah Jackson  
"Drink water and walk through cool spaces."



SHSA Viquita Barnes  
"Hydrate and use those cool towels from the ship store."



PSSN Jarred Hayes  
"I work in Personnel where it can get extremely hot sometimes, so I feel it's important to stay hydrated."



# Medical Keeps Swine Flu at Bay

## *H1N1 virus prompts safeguards and recourse for Reagan.*

Story & Photo By  
MC3 (AW) Torrey Lee

USS Ronald Reagan's Health Services Department is working with foreign officials to alleviate fears that Sailors may carry the H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu) virus into foreign countries as the ship prepares for its first port call.

The H1N1 virus, the most common strain of influenza in 2009, has caused mass concern in the U.S. The concerns and fears of a possible pandemic have spread to foreign countries, causing officials to take action to ensure U.S. service members are healthy when entering their countries.

"We are slowly but surely gathering information that host countries are going to request from us. One of things they are requiring is to change

busses twice, rather than going pierside and into town," said Lt. Cmdr. David Webster, Ronald Reagan's senior medical officer. "I believe they have a thermal scanning system where they (Sailors) would basically walk through and register if they have a temperature."

Ronald Reagan reported only having one case of H1N1. The ship's Health Services Department quarantined the infected Sailor prior to the ship's deployment and was able to get underway with the Sailor fit for duty.

"We have gotten a lot of people coming in that are completely normal with no symptoms whatsoever, but they want to be tested," said Webster. "Out of all the people

we've tested thus far, we've had just one person who came in with the actual H1N1 strain."

Influenza comes in various strains that can vary in different seasons, said Webster. The possible outbreak of a pandemic has brought concerns Navy-wide. A tally of H1N1 cases Navy-wide taken in early June by the Navy Times Newspaper reported infected personnel numbers have reached 106. USS Dubuque (LPD 8) reported 28 cases of H1N1, which resulted in a cancellation of their scheduled deployment in early June.

Closer to home, USS Nimitz has reported at least 18 cases so far.

Ronald Reagan has been

out to sea for three week with no outbreaks of H1N1, but foreign officials continue to research the medical status of the crew. Medical checkpoints are being discussed by the command.

Kendra Smith, Ronald Reagan's fun boss, said that aside from possible medical checkpoints, the additional measures should not affect Sailors going on liberty.

"This particular strain has been a relatively mild strain. Most people who get this (H1N1), within 48-72 hours, are going to be completely fine and ready to go back to work again," said Webster, "but because of the widespread notoriety of swine flu, and because people are worried about the pandemic, which is

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# Reagan Athletes Rejoice!

*MWR offers a team to suit most tastes and is looking to expand.*

Story & Photo By  
MC2 (AW) Chad Bascom

One of the last things that comes to a host country's mind when someone mentions USS Ronald Reagan could very well be sports. However, most of the time when Ronald Reagan leaves a foreign port, they know all about the pride and talent Ronald Reagan Sailors have when it comes to playing competitively.

Thanks to the support of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), many Sailors have the opportunity to participate in playing the sports they enjoy. Currently there are Ronald Reagan softball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey and billiards teams in

place.

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class (SW) Robert Dunlap's job, as the MWR sports contact, is to help organize the sports teams and make sure they have all the tools needed to stay competitive. He also directs people to the right coaches.

"It's a great chance for Sailors to get out and represent the ship in a community relations perspective," said Dunlap. "Right now we're setting up events for Singapore so that some of our teams can get out and compete against their local teams."

Normally games are scheduled on a port-by-port

basis, but MWR can't always get games for every team in each port, so they try to get teams a game any way they can.

Sailors wishing to join any of the teams can simply e-mail Dunlap and he'll direct you to the respective coach for that team. MWR is always looking to get more Sailors involved. If there is a different sport or not enough room on a team and Sailors would like to put another team together, MWR will do what they can to help out.

"There are always people aboard that just simply don't know about their options with

sports and so they become a loss of possible talent for some team," said Dunlap.

Some of the teams might allow you to show up and play and others make you practice and earn your time like any other organized league. In some cases, like for the hockey team, Sailors need to have their own equipment.

"Right now we have a full team, but we have many more Sailors interested and are looking to start a second hockey team," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 3rd Class Andrew Claveau, the hockey team's coach. "Playing overseas is important to us, probably

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# The Cream of the Air Traffic Crop

Story & Photo By  
MC3 Briana Brotzman

Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class (AW/SW) Quincy H. Kelley walked into the Carrier Air Traffic Control Center (CATCC) and did not notice at first how different the atmosphere in the space was after his arrival. He didn't notice until after he sat down at his workstation and felt like everyone was watching him. He looked behind him at his chief and the CATCC officer, puzzled by their strange behavior.

"I should have known something was up," said Kelley.

Then the captain announced it over the 1-MC. Kelley had won Air Traffic Controller of the Year.

Air Traffic Controller of the Year is an annual award given to the best Air Traffic Controller in the sea services. Sailors and Marines assigned to sea-going commands compete for this award. Kelley said he didn't know he had been nominated until that afternoon in CATCC.

"It was a real shock," said Kelley. "I didn't know they looked at me like that. It's a real

honor just to have been put in."

Kelley was nominated for the award by both of his chiefs and the CATCC officer during Ronald Reagan's last deployment.

"The package is written like a chief's package," said Chief Air Traffic Controller (AW/SW/NAC) Malissia S. Deaton, CATCC leading chief petty officer. "Everything you've done professionally, personally; his personal initiative, mentorship, goes into it."

Deaton had been impressed by Kelley since she arrived aboard Ronald Reagan.

"Only a third of air traffic controllers come to carriers," said Deaton. "It's the tempo and precision. You have planes landing at an interval of one minute, two miles apart in a vast darkness. They are relying on you."

Kelley, as a second class petty officer, is currently the only person qualified to be a CATCC supervisor. He joined the Navy in January 2006 to become part of the Navy's nuclear program but was medically disqualified. He chose the AC rate at the recommendation of his recruit division

commander.

"I ended up loving it and being honor grad out of 'A' school," said Kelley. Ronald Reagan is Kelley's first duty station, but he would have to broaden his horizons even more to achieve everything he wanted to.

"The first thing they told me was that he had volunteered to do a cruise with Nimitz," said Deaton.

Kelley flew to the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) from Hawaii when Ronald Reagan was returning to San Diego for planned incremental availability (PIA) in 2007, and was at sea for nearly 10 straight months.

"He completed his final control qualification, approach control qualification and departure control qualification," said Deaton. "These are major quals. They normally take 14 months. Kelley completed them in a four-month cycle."

Beyond his qualifications, Kelley has proven himself to be an asset in an extreme situation as well. During Ronald Reagan's last deployment, a lanyard was caught



# Every day's a Working Party

Story and Photos By  
MC2 Rosalie Garcia

They block p-ways and hold up traffic going through the ladderwells. They don't do it intentionally; they do it because it's their job. At times, they have the responsibility of moving boxes of supplies from the flight deck to the hangar bay to other areas of the ship, to inventory and store. They are Supply Department's cargo Sailors.

To say cargo is a specific division in Supply Department would be very broad. There are actually numerous elements in each division that are considered cargo, but as a whole, supply is responsible for keeping the ship stocked with necessary items.

"Overall, we bring products and services to the war fighter," explains Supply Department Services Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Richie Jenkins. "It's our primary mission, whether it's food service, aviation supplies, ship stores retail operations or postal. There is not a lot that goes on around the ship that supply doesn't have a go with."

Walking through the ship, Sailors in black T-shirts with "CARGO" written on the back are a common sight. Arguably, the most noticed Sailors are those who form the working parties trailing from deep in the ship to the landing on the next deck,

all the way to the mess decks, moving stored food to other spaces for use.

"Cargo is a part of the S-2 division, just like the galley, but it's like a workspace," said Chief Culinary Specialist (SW/AW) Francisco Apiado, S-2 departmental leading chief petty officer. "It is one of the biggest spaces, besides the galley."

Some Sailors get the chance to experience the different elements of Supply Department by working in one area and transferring over to another.

"I've been in cargo about a month," said Culinary Specialist Seaman Patrick Hughes. "Before then, I worked in wardrooms 1, 2, and 3, the forward galley and aft galley."

Hughes is now in charge of freezer 190. This freezer holds all the ice cream, cheesecake and the bulk of all the meat. He also has to keep track of the inventory the division comes in contact with.

"Since I'm day crew, I break out cargo and put it on the landing," explained Hughes. "Then I write everything down to make sure all the numbers add up because if they don't, that's money we lost. The night crew will actually push it to the galleys."

Cargo is arguably one of the most important groups on the ship because they are the ones carrying all the provisions the crew need.

"All the foods, dry and frozen, belong to cargo. Just the dry and frozen food alone is worth more than \$2 million. So it's very important because when we think about it, it's all about the food for the crew."

Other than food, cargo also builds morale for each Sailor by getting all the mail to and from the carrier.

"So just about anything you can think of as far as being a provider and managing the stock and inventorying, supply has dealt with it," says Jenkins.

The responsibility of getting all the right supplies to the right departments aboard USS Ronald Reagan is a big task, but the Supply Department cargo Sailors can always be counted on to make sure each Sailor aboard has all the right stuff at the right time. It might be a tedious task, but many are ready and willing to get it done, not only because they have to, but because they like what they do.

"We just have a lot of fun, but we get our job done," says Hughes. "It's a real close-knit family."

# Role Models is Cruel Comedy

Story By  
MCSN Alex Tidd

When asked what size coffee he wanted from a local coffee shop after ordering a large, Danny (Paul Rudd, *The 40 Year Old Virgin*) replied promptly with, "Large." When the barrista explained that they only offer tall, grande and venti, Danny replies with, "Tall means large, grande also means large. Venti means twenty, the only size you offer that doesn't mean large and the only size in Italian. Congratulations, you are retarded in three languages."

This is general dialogue from *Role Models*, directed by David Wain (*Wet Hot American*

*Summer*). Sure, it's smut, but it could be worse. The jokes feature potty humor (remember being 13?) at its finest, and a score of good-old-fashioned-American-just-plain-mean humor.

Danny is a jerk. The exchange at the coffee shop sums him up well. The barrista did little to provoke him, simply asking for clarification on his order, and he decided to let her have it. This conversation is nothing new for Danny, and his soon-to-be ex-girlfriend has taken notice. Beth (Elizabeth Banks, *The 40 Year Old Virgin*) jumps

to the occasion, telling Danny she simply can't take being with someone so negative. He counters with a marriage proposal.

"Yes, I'm a [jerk]. A [jerkish jerk]," said Danny.

"Well I don't want to be Mrs. [Jerk]-in-a-Rut," replied Beth. Denied.

Most of the reason Danny is so stand-offish all the time is because he is depressed about working for an energy-drink company. His best friend, co-worker and occasional accomplice Wheeler (Sean William Scott, *American Pie*)

does his best to cheer him up, but ultimately fails and before we know it, the boys are in jail for being dumb or something.

And it's Beth to the rescue! Luckily she is a lawyer, and a good one at that. Those lucky guys! She manages to talk the judge into giving them community service, vice 30 days in the pokey.

The guys are assigned to *Sturdy Wings*, a program pieced together by a former drug-addict to give disadvantaged kids, known as "Littles," adult role models (get it?), known as "Bigs."

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## Features

# Final Destination for Garbage

*Ronald Reagan's trash has to go somewhere, and it's not pleasant.*

Story By  
MC2 Aaron Holt

It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it. Every day, Ronald Reagan's Waste Management center takes in hundreds of bags of trash that must be searched, separated and carefully processed. The somebodies who do this dirty work are our shipmates, and oh yeah, it's a dirty job.

"The biggest problem we have is people not separating their trash," said Seaman Marcella Dowell, who is temporarily assigned to Waste Management. "This means that I have to reach deep through whatever muck and filth is in there, just because they through a coke can in with a bag of plastic."

"There would be no problems if people would just do what they're supposed to do," said Machinists Mate

Fireman (SW/AW) Vincent Nguyen, who is also temporarily assigned to Waste Management.

The folks in Waste Management have us separate our trash because each different category is processed in a different manner.

"Underway, we can get Mother Nature to take care of all the trash except for plastic, which is not biodegradable," said Machinist Mate 2nd Class (SW) Robert Howard, Waste Management's assistant leading petty officer. "We have to melt that down and recycle it."

"Paper and cardboard can be pulped by using salt water, or it can be burned. Metal, glass and dunnage that can't be processed goes overboard," said Howard.

Trash is separated with good reason, they're not just trying to make life difficult.

"Dunnage is my pet peeve, because people are too lazy to separate it. I'm starting to crack down on it," said Howard.

While often the reason for trash being incorrectly labeled dunnage is a lack of attention, some Sailors don't know exactly what dunnage is.

"Dunnage is made up of rags, textiles, wood, bones or avocado pits," said Howard.

A trash sorting chart can be found on the share drive that explains what goes into each category of trash.

Processing an entire aircraft carrier's trash is already stressful enough, but some Sailors seem to

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# THE FLEET

## Former Pirate Hostage Receives Navy League Leadership Award

From the Defense Media Activity-Anacostia

ARLINGTON, Va. (NNS) – The Navy League of the United States presented Capt. Richard Phillips the Admiral Arleigh Burke Leadership Award June 13 at the Westin Arlington Gateway.

“The Arleigh Burke Leadership Award is our most prestigious award,” said J. Michael McGrath, national president of the Navy League. “[We are proud] to recognize such a hero [as Captain Phillips].”

Phillips was the master of MV Maersk Alabama when it was hijacked in April by Somali pirates. To ensure that his crew was released, he offered himself to the pirates as a hostage.

“It’s truly incredible to be chosen for this, I don’t see myself as a hero... to be honored by this group is truly an honor,” Phillips said.

U.S. naval forces, including SEALs, rescued Phillips April 12.

Following the rescue, Phillips was initially taken aboard the Norfolk, Va., based guided-missile destroyer USS Bainbridge (DDG 96).

“The USS Bainbridge, a multimission DDG, was forward deployed and able to respond quickly because it’s trained and capable of performing a number of missions simultaneously,” said guest speaker and former Bainbridge Sailor Vice Adm. Michael Vitale, commander, Navy Installations Command.

“It was able to respond to the Maersk Alabama and support that operation directed by [U.S. Central Command] through 5th Fleet so that we were able to ensure the safety of Captain Phillips.”

After arriving on Bainbridge, Phillips was subsequently flown to the San Diego based amphibious assault ship USS Boxer



(LHD 4) before heading home to the United States. At the time, both ships were part of Combined Task Force (CTF) 151.

Originally commanded and staffed by the U.S. Navy, CTF 151 is now commanded by the Turkish Navy. The command staff is comprised of personnel from Turkey, the United States, United Kingdom, Pakistan and Greece.

CTF 151 is a multinational task force established to conduct counterpiracy operations under a mission-based mandate throughout the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) area of responsibility to actively deter, disrupt and suppress piracy in order to protect global maritime security and secure freedom of navigation for the benefit of all nations.

“I think in September I’m looking to get back in my rotation... I think I’m still on the Maersk Alabama, so wherever the ship is, I intend to be there,” said Phillips.

“With the right assets and the Navy still there, I have no problem going back to that same run.”

On any given day in the region, more than a dozen warships conduct counterpiracy operations in the Gulf of Aden and off the Eastern coast of Somalia.

“A major contributor to our success against piracy is our ability to coordinate our actions and operations with other professional navies,” said Turkish Navy Rear Adm. Caner Bener, commander, CTF

151.

“With more than 1 million square miles to patrol, synchronizing our collective efforts is essential to ensure we’re protecting sea lines of communication as effectively and efficiently as possible.”

The Burke award, the Navy League’s most prestigious leadership award, is named for Navy Admiral Arleigh Burke. The organization believes Burke was an American hero whose achievements, ethical standards, and unselfish dedication personify all that is noble in the American character.

Past recipients of his namesake award include H. Ross Perot, George H. W. Bush, Thomas H. Moorer, John McCain, James B. Stockdale, and James M. Loy.

“[When determining the recipient, we] look at the leadership traits of the person and how he has demonstrated them over a long period of time,” said McGrath. [Just look at Captain Phillips] who has been at sea a long time, travelled many many miles around the world and had the most demanding jobs.”

The Navy League is a non-profit civilian organization headquartered in Arlington with 60,000 members worldwide. Its mission for more than 100 years has been to educate the American people and their leaders about the enduring importance of sea power to a maritime nation, and to support our sea services.



# StarTime

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 1510-1835: **Eastern Promises**  
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### CH 4

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 1530-1835: **Rush Hour 3**  
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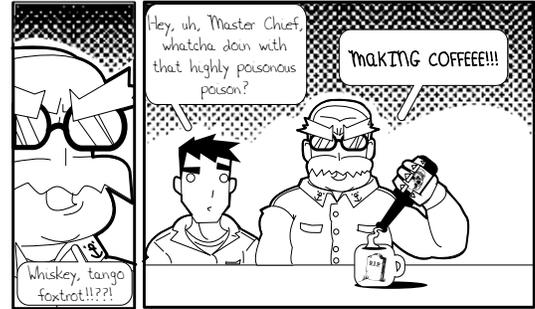
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# Sudoku

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## I See This Everyday!



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a world-wide outbreak of the flu, this has become a pretty hot topic.”

Priding themselves for their practice of preventative medicine, Ronald Reagan’s Medical Division is continuing to educate Sailors on the H1N1 virus.

“What we try to do is educate them as far as what the signs and symptoms are, why we would need to test them, and why we probably wouldn’t test them unless they had a direct contact with someone they knew had swine flu,” said Webster.

With the aide of preventative measures, Ronald Reagan is 100% without H1N1 infections.

Ronald Reagan’s Medical Division remains vigilant in its attempts to cease any potential out breaks of H1N1, even as Sailors report to the ship and return from liberty.

“What we have been doing is anyone who meets the Centers of Disease Control’s (CDC) criteria, which is a fever of 100 degrees or higher, cough and/or sore throat, is going to be evaluated. Chances are, we are going to swab them and send that swab for testing,” said Webster. “Viral illnesses are generally going to run their course. We do have medications which are going to shorten the length and reduce the severity of symptoms for that person.”

Sailors who might have concerns of infection should contact medical for an examination. All concerns of possible flu-like symptoms should be reported before departing on liberty.

## SPORTS

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because it gives Sailors the experience to play the game they love all over the world. Not many people can honestly say they have played a competitive sport overseas.”

There’s a special pride when it comes to Ronald Reagan sports, said Dunlap. Sailors get the opportunity to play the game they love and show off great sportsmanship, representing the Navy and USS Ronald Reagan with great honor.

For Sailors interested in playing, who are willing to represent Ronald Reagan, the Navy and the United States in a positive way, contact IT2 Dunlap or an MWR representative to get headed in the

right direction.

## TROPHY

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in the Spin 49 Air Search Radar used to communicate with aircraft, and the equipment was damaged.

“It’s something you only see once or twice in your whole career,” said Kelley.

Yet Kelley knew immediately how to proceed with non-radar procedures and bring the aircraft home.

“He’s amazing,” said Deaton. “In five years he’ll be a chief, and probably on his way to becoming an ensign.”

Most individuals nominated for this award are senior first class petty officers who have been in the Navy for 12-14 years, said Deaton. Kelley is superior in his ability to comprehend and teach to peers, subordinates and superiors.

“This is a Sailor who never complains,” said Deaton. “He loves the Navy and loves what he does. He dances as an air traffic controller.”

Kelley attributes his award to the team in CATCC, who he trains continuously during his extension aboard Ronald Reagan. As he prepares Chief Deaton to take his place as CATCC supervisor in November, he looks ahead to his next challenge: the first class exam.

## ROLE MODELS

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Gayle Sweeney (Jane Lynch, The 40 Year Old Virgin), the former drug-addicted director of the program who has a tendency for backwards talk, distrusts Danny and Wheeler because she believes they are there for the wrong reasons.

“I’m not here to service your hours, I’m here to service these young boys,” said Sweeney when asked to sign-off on their working hours.

One of the “littles” they are assigned is about what you might expect such kids to be, but the other is a little off the mark. Wheeler’s little buddy is a foul-mouthed 10-year-old named Ronny (Bobb’e Thompson) who candidly accuses Wheeler of molestation at every instance.

Danny’s pal is Augie (Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Superbad), who stands out for being the relative old man of the program. Mintz-Plasse deserves lots of credit for

being able to create a character even lamer than the now legendary McLovin’ of Superbad.

Augie has no friends and certainly no love interests, and prefers to immerse himself in Live Action Interactive Role-playing Explorers (LAIRE) rather than face the real world, which his parents have a hard time understanding. After meeting and sizing up Augie, Danny offers him a little advice.

“People tend to avoid people in capes,” said Danny. After one day together, Danny makes up his mind that he would rather have gone to jail.

But thanks in large part to a musical montage, Danny and Wheeler begin to make headway with the two boys. It can be a struggle at times, but they work through it. It really touched me. And the best part is in the end, we all learn a valuable lesson, or something.

Rudd manages to be cold and cruel, and yet somehow caring. And definitely funny. Scott carries his share of the load as the more understanding of the two, but is ultimately the party boy always looking for a woman of questionable morals. They work well together even when they’re arguing, and sometimes live up to their title as role models. However, most of the time they do not. Which, for the casual viewer, is a good thing.

## FACEBOOK

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want to make matters worse using unconventional methods.

“Please no crank calls. No, the incinerator is not running, it’s walking,” said Howard. “Of course we’re taking trash.”

“Don’t have a bad attitude, I hate when people demand that we take their trash,” said Howard. “And when people will bring down their chiefs or officers, we’ll tell them the same thing we told you.”

Trash is a dirty job but someone has to do it, and it does have its good sides.

“I like the hours. They’re steady, it doesn’t change and it’s consistent,” said Nguyen.

Working in trash isn’t the most pleasant job, and Sailors doing the little things for their fellow Sailors goes a long way to make their lives a little bit easier. Would you like to trade places?

# SOD

## SAILOR OF THE DAY



June 15, 2009

Name: AD3 Adamn Braun  
Dept/Div: VFA-25/Aircraft Div  
Job Title: Powerplant tech  
Where are you from?

*Chicago*

Why did you join the Navy?

*To travel to new places while doing something meaningful.*

How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?

*I was pleased.*

Who do you hold responsible for your success?

*The people who helped guide me in my shop and command.*

Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?

*My favorite place was Freedom Tower.*

What piece of advice would you pass on to others?

*Stay positive and have a good work ethic.*

June 16, 2009

Name: SHSN Jason Gonzalez

Dept/Div: Supply/S3

Job Title: Ship Serviceman

Where are you from?

*Miami*

Why did you join the Navy?

*To serve my country and take care of my family.*

How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?

*I was really happy.*

Who do you hold responsible for your success?

*My family and the leadership of my mentors.*

Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?

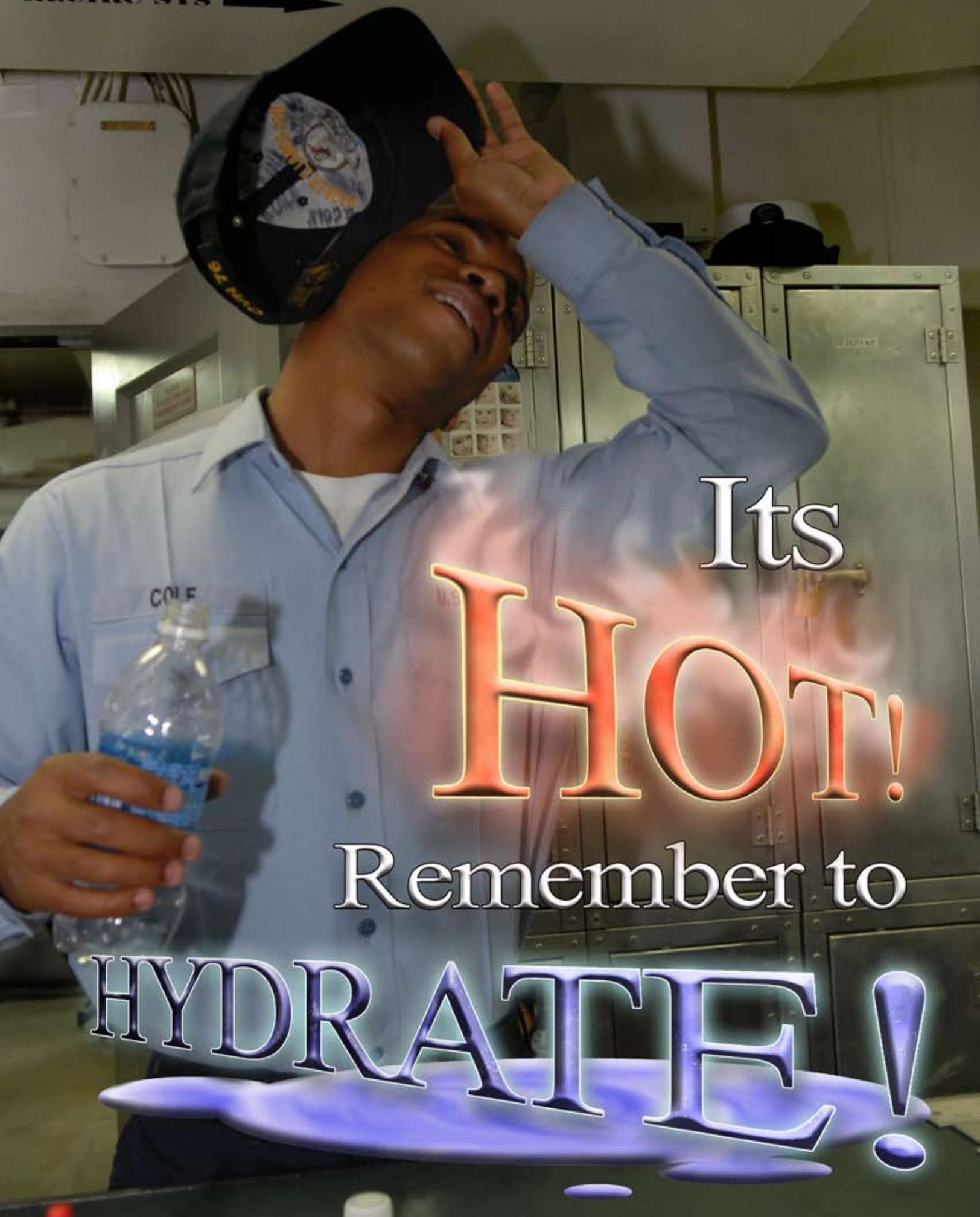
*My favorite place was Hawaii.*

What piece of advice would you pass on to others?

*Work hard and the results will show up.*



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