

## Friends, Family Join *Ronald Reagan* Crew for “Tiger Cruise”

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▲ A Tiger Cruise guest stands on the flight deck of the USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) while a SH-60F Seahawk assigned to the “Black Knights” of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 4 lands in the background. Nearly 1,200 friends and family members of *Ronald Reagan* sailors embarked with the ship from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for a Tiger Cruise.

Sailors from USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) welcomed more than 1,200 friends, family members, and special guests on board for a “Tiger Cruise,” the final leg of the USS *Ronald Reagan*’s six-month long deployment en route to its homeport of San Diego.

During the transit back to homeport, Tigers eat, sleep and join *Ronald Reagan* crew members in experiencing navy life first-hand.

“The best part is seeing the excitement and enthusiasm from a Tiger when they experience something for the first time,” said one Tiger Cruise coordinator.

“Tiger Cruise is an incredible opportunity for family and friends to see first-hand what we do. It is really hard to relay verbally, in writing or with pictures what we do and see on board *Ronald Reagan*. There is no better experience than actually being here.”

There were numerous tours and events for the Tigers. Some watched a replenishment operation involving the transfer of over 1,000,000 gallons of aircraft fuel onto the *Reagan* while at sea. Others learned about and toured the ship’s bridge/navigation area, the catapult control area, the cable arrestors, the galley, and the air wing squadrons stationed aboard the USS *Ronald Reagan*.

Both sailors and their Tigers agree that the Tiger Cruise was an opportunity of a lifetime—but the pure joy of the families reunited when the *Reagan* finally arrived home was without question the most special moment of all.

## SBNL Adopts US Air Force 30th Operations Group



The SBNL is pleased to announce the adoption of the 30th Operations Group at Vandenberg Air Force Base. The 30th Operations Group (30 OG), led by Colonel Andre Lovett, commands and controls the Western Range—known as America’s premier gateway to space and air superiority—and directs range resources in support of space launches, missile test launches, and aeronautical and space surveillance operations. 30 OG also operates and maintains base communication systems and provides direct support for range operations, maintenance and modernization, and sustainment efforts. To accomplish its mission, the group relies on the combined efforts of six diverse squadrons: 30th Operations Support Squadron, 30th Space Communications Squadron, 2d Range Operations Squadron, 30th Range Management Squadron, and 30th Weather Squadron. The SBNL is proud of this new association and looks forward to learning and sharing with you much more about the 158 active duty airmen of the 30 OG in the months and years ahead.

### What’s in a Name?

William Shakespeare’s Juliet once famously pondered,  
“*What’s in a name? That which we call a rose  
By any other name would smell as sweet.*”

While perhaps true, we have decided to retire our newsletter name, *Navy Blue*. Make no mistake—the SBNL’s commitment to the men and women of our nation’s Sea Services remains as strong as ever. But given our support for the service and sacrifice of the men and women among all of the service branches, it is time to find a more inclusive name.

If you have a unique, creative idea for a newsletter name that is about 60 characters and two to four words long, we would love to hear from you. Let us know how you came up with the idea and why you believe it is a good fit for the newsletter. We cannot guarantee we’ll select your submission, but we promise to read and consider them all.

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