

Reagan Sailors Celebrate Bob Ross' Birthday



Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 3rd Class Eduardo Bravo of Rota, Spain works on a painting aboard the forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018. (Photo by MC1 James Kimber)

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Bob Ross fans aboard the forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) beat the devil out of their brushes on the forward mess decks painting happy trees and using palate knives to put a little mountain “just where ever it wants to be” Sunday night.

Davey Jones, Ronald Reagan's Fun Boss, said Bob Ross Night is one of the most popular dates on the calendar and Sunday marked the event's anniversary – which is as close to Ross' Oct. 29 birthday as the ship's schedule can observe.

“I think [Bob Ross] gives Sailors a brief time to forget about

everything and just experience the ‘joy of painting,’” he said.

Bob Ross started as a cultural phenomenon aboard Ronald Reagan two years ago and, as Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 3rd Class Eduardo Bravo from Rota, Spain said, has become a “part of the ship.”

In 2016, one of the ship's SITE TV technicians began playing ‘The Joy of Painting’ on a random channel. Soon, other channel surfing Sailors realized the happy little accident and Ross' puffy clouds caught on with the rest of the crew. When the Bob Ross Foundation got wind of the trend, the non-profit organization sent Ronald Reagan a complete

DVD box set for SITE TV to air complimentary, 24-7, whenever the ship is underway. His 23-minute paintings have been a fixture on many ship's television screens since.

Lt. Kristin Hope, a shooter from Ronald Reagan's Air Department, took painting classes growing up and shared in her classmates' jokes about Bob Ross. She said his show was often a “punchline” whenever it came up.

“But I love having his show here,” she said. “My roommate will turn on Bob Ross to help her relax before going to sleep and I really enjoy the break and having a paint class [on Reagan].”

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away from their busy schedules and enjoy something fun,” Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman James Wilson, from Wilmington, Delaware, said. “We do a lot more with less these days, which is why it's important that we to do events like this to give back to the community. We want to create a culture that encourages other associations to do the same.”

Sailors from several of the ship's departments have volunteered to help with the attraction making the horror house a ship-wide effort.

“We want to have as much fun working the attraction as you have going through it,” Bancroft said. “I'm hoping this can become a Ronald Reagan Halloween tradition.”

Command Warns of New CAC Scan App

The Department of Defense has received reports of a new smartphone application that can scan the Common Access Card, or CAC, according to an email Saturday.

USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) Command Master Chief Darrell Timpa said in the email that one application of note, CAC Scan, is of particular concern because it “can decode the 2D barcode located on the front of Common Access Cards.”

After scanning, the app is then able to display the owner's full name, full Social Security Number and the EDIPI/DoD ID number.

Personnel are advised to not use the app as it can lead to the unauthorized release of Personally Identifiable Information, or PII. Additionally, the information may be stored on an unauthorized server.