



## Program helps Sailors stay connected

By MC3 QUINN LIFORD  
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Sailors aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) will still be able to share a bedtime story with loved ones during the ship's upcoming deployment with the program Untied Through Reading.

The United Through Reading program was first established in 1989 as a non-profit organization by Betty J. Mohlenbrock, M.Ed, United Through Reading president, according to the Web site, [www.unit-edthroughreading.org](http://www.unit-edthroughreading.org). The focus of the program is to "facilitate supportive relationships for children through families and friends reading aloud to them."

Sailors are encouraged to pack a few special books to read aloud while being recorded to a DVD. The DVD and book will then be mailed home so the member's family can watch and read aloud with their Sailor. Members can record a DVD for any special child in their life such as a niece, nephew. The program is not restricted to those Sailors with children.

Often Sailors and their family members feel a huge loss during

deployment and this program is focused on helping alleviate some of those feelings. The goal is to enhance a connection through reading, Mohlenbrock said.

Mohlenbrock said the program is of great importance as one in three American kindergartners arrive in school unprepared to learn and only 50 percent of infants and toddlers are routinely read

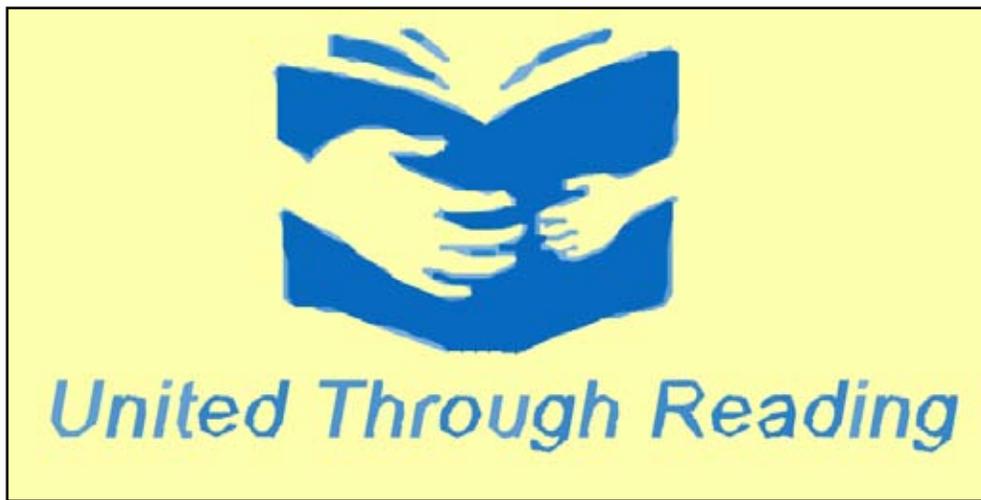
to by their parents, according to Carnegie Corporation, a research foundation.

"Reading aloud instills the joy of reading and allows for meaningful communication that enhances self-esteem and relationships," said Mohlenbrock.

Several books are recommended for

the program and a complete list can be found on the UTR Web site. A few of the top recommended books from the Web site include *1,2,3 To The Zoo* by Eric Carle, *Clemintina 'a Cactus* by Erza Keats, *Anna Banana* by Joanna Cole and *Runny Babbit A Billy Sook* by Shel Silversein.

For more information, Sailors are asked to contact local program coordinator, Crystal Taylor by email at [opsnavyfam@wavecable.com](mailto:opsnavyfam@wavecable.com) or look for more information in future editions of the Penny Press.



## Helpful tips for prepping cars for deployment

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With USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) seven-month deployment approaching in less than a month, many Sailors on board might be asking themselves if they have everything ready. One important part that shouldn't be overlooked is care and maintenance of personal vehicles.

"Sailors who are married need to make sure their spouse is on their policy if he or she will be taking care of the vehicle

while we're underway," said Legalman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lourdie Powell. "They'll also need a special power of attorney in case the vehicle needs new tags, maintenance and inspections." A special power of attorney gives someone limited authority to fulfill certain obligations for a servicemember.

Powell added that just because Sailors may be able to give someone the authority to take care of personal things for them doesn't mean they should leave those things undone prior to deploy-

ment.

"It's wise to look at your tags, get your maintenance and stuff done before we leave while you can still do it yourself," said Powell. "And if you are giving someone a special power of attorney, make sure it's someone that you trust."

Some other tips Sailors might want to consider before deployment:

1. If a personal vehicle isn't going to be driven at all during the underway, its

# Local Stories

## Presidents Day honors Washington and Lincoln

By MCSN KATHLEEN CORONA  
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Monday, Feb. 18, the crew of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) will honor the birth of two United States presidents, George Washington and the ship's namesake Abraham Lincoln, for Presidents Day.

The original version of the holiday was held in commemoration of Washington's birthday (Feb. 22, 1732) during the last year of his presidency in 1796.

By the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, Washington's Birthday had taken firm root in America.

Its traditions include Birthnight Balls in various regions and speeches and receptions given by prominent public figures.

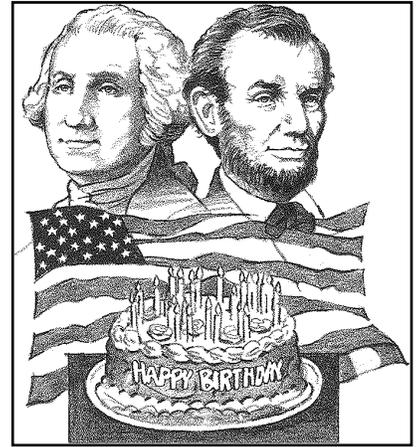
In 1865, the first formal observance of Lincoln's birthday took place. A year after his assassination, both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address. While Lincoln's Birthday did not become a federal holiday like Washington's, it did become a legal holiday in several states.

In 1968, a legislation was enacted that affected several federal holidays. Observation of Washington's Birthday was shifted to

the third Monday in February each year, whether or not it fell on the Feb. 22. This act, which took effect in 1971, was designed to simplify the yearly calendar of holidays and give federal employees some standard three-day weekends in the process.

The holiday is also a tribute to the General who created the first military badge of merit for the common soldier. Revived on Washington's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1932, the Purple Heart recognizes injuries received in battle. Like Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Washington's Birthday weekend offers another opportunity to honor the country's veterans.

The crew of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) will honor Presidents Day by making the ship "duty section only" and giving the non-duty personnel the day off.



### TIPS

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owner can contact his or her insurance company and see if he can get a lower monthly premium for the months it's in an "off-road" status.

2. Allotments and automatic payments might need to be set up for insurance, car payments, or many other bills prior to leaving.

3. Along with insurance, another piece of mind insurance factor might include taking photographs of the vehicle before leaving it, just in case something does happen to the vehicle.

4. Oil changes, tune-ups and other maintenance should be done before



leaving on deployment. If a spouse or friend will be driving it while the owner is gone, it should help prevent roadside emergencies from occurring.

Once a Sailor takes care of legal,

finance and maintenance issues on his or her vehicle before deploying, the only other thing left to consider is where to park it. Look in future issues of the Penny Press for additional information.



## February 15

1862 - Joint amphibious force captures Roanoke Island, key to Albemarle Sound.  
1890 - USS Omaha Sailors and Marines assist Hodogary, Japan in subduing large fire.

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# Local Stories



The Seattle Supersonics dance team, along with Sonic mascot "Squash," visit with Sailors during a meet and greet aboard USS Abraham Lincoln. During the visit the dance team and mascot toured the ship, took photographs and signed autographs with Sailors.



# ITT & MWR Events

## NASHVILLE STAR

### PARTY!

**Friday, Feb. 22**

**6 p.m. - midnight**

Come out to audition for your chance at being sent to the casting call for the TV hit "Nashville Star!" Sing an original country song or a selected cover country song.

Call (425) 304-3577 for more details!

If you don't want to audition, you can come out to watch! There will also be a live country band, "Aces Up," performing throughout the night!

FREE FOOD!



## Ping Pong & Foosball Tournament **FREE!**

Tuesday, Feb. 19

5-7 p.m.

Vibes (upstairs in  
NAVSTA Everett's  
Commons)

Snacks and Soda provided!



## "Pool Party in February"

Thursday, Feb. 21

6-8 p.m.

**Tsunami Pool inside  
Commons**

There will be lots of events,  
including a barrel rodeo, ob-  
stacle course, relay race and  
more!

Bring a partner for this fun  
night or just come to watch!

Free food and non-alcoholic  
beverages provided!

## Wednesday, Feb. 27 5-7 p.m. at Vibes

We are hosting a "Price is Right" style  
game night during "Military Saves Week!"  
Select volunteers will be chosen from the  
audience to compete! Free food and soda!

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## Arts & Entertainment

# Vince Vaughn brings out the humor

By MCSN SEAN GALLAGHER  
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Though Vince Vaughn's name and face is all over the posters and advertisements of *Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show: 30 Days & 30 Nights – Hollywood to the Heartland*, the real credit goes to the four stand-up comedians who stole the show from Vaughn, and then the other three performers.

Vaughn put together a group of comics and fellow actors in 2005, to make a traveling stand-up and skit comedy show that ran 30 consecutive nights in 30 different cities throughout the country. They began in Hollywood and ended in Chicago, stopping in several southern states between California and Georgia, and from Georgia to Illinois.

The movie's premise was to not just let audiences watch some comics talk about their traditional comedic observations of dance clubs, ethnic issues, and other sketchy situations. Director Ari Sandel thought that the movie's focus should be geared more towards the comedians themselves and the footage that was taken of them backstage. In one segment, the 10 traveling companions took a detour from Texas due to the harsh conditions brought from Hurricane Katrina. From there, we see a different side to the comedians when they're met by several refugees who've lost their homes. The comedians answer was to brighten their spirits by sharing some laughs and giving free tickets to the show.

So basically, it's a documentary. If you look at it that way, we can justify when we only see about 30 seconds to a minute of the comedians' stage routines before it cuts to another interview

or a montage of another city visited. But if it's a full-blown, nonstop stand-up, *Kings of Comedy* type show you're looking for, you might be frustrated by how the good parts are always being interrupted.

### Pros

- "Swingers" co-star Jon Favreau, along with actor Justin Long drop by to do a couple funny skits with Vince Vaughn. And executive producer Peter Billingsley, all grown up from playing Ralphie in "A Christmas Story," tags along for the entire trip and provides a few chuckles, both onstage and offstage.

- The four front runners, Ahmed Ahmed, John Caparulo, Bret Ernst, and Sebastian Mansicalco all have great material. Their performances make up for their lack of popularity.

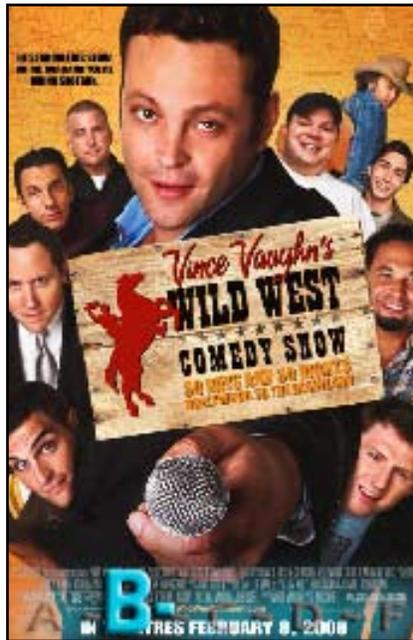
- We get a chance to get to know the comedians through this movie's documentary-style of filmmaking, much more than if we would only be watching their stage material alone. It's kind of like a cross-country, "Comedy Central Presents," reality TV show.

### Cons

- Prepare to lower your standards as far as video quality goes. The movie looks like it was filmed on something one-step up from a camera phone.

- Not a whole lot changes throughout the course of the film (jumping from one city to another city can get a bit monotonous). The biggest thing that keeps the movie rolling is the stage acts, but since the stage footage to offstage footage ratio is about 40:60, you might feel cheated out of what could've been a funnier movie.

- Despite the hilarity, this movie doesn't belong in theaters. It would've made a much better HBO special or anything on television where you wouldn't have to pay admission.



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# Final Thoughts



## Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.



Photo by MC3 Ronald Dallatorre

USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Commanding Officer Capt. Patrick D. Hall receives a birthday cake from the officers of the ship in celebration of his birthday Feb. 11 in Wardroom 3.

## Editor's Top 10

### Top 10 Worst Valentine Gifts for Her

10. Anything that looks like you won it at the fair. There has never been an article in Better Homes and Garden on how to establish mood in a room decorated with a five-foot tall pink Tweety Bird motif.
9. Anything accidentally left with the receipt from the dollar store still on it.
8. Singing Big Mouth Billy Bass (even the love song edition.)
7. Monster Truck Rally Tickets.
6. A football. If she says she loves football, she means she likes watching over-sized millionaire hunks running around in tight pants.
5. Anything too small. Your sweetheart is not the same size as the teenage sales clerk.
4. A romantic dinner made with Spam or Vienna Sausage. Trust me, when your hunting buddies say "Hey man, you're a pretty good cook!" they mean "Hey man, it's food and I don't have to cook it."
3. The Best Of the Three Stooges video series. The words "Best of" and "Three Stooges" are an oxymoron in female language.
2. Pots, pans, vacuum cleaner or anything that involves manual labor. This is VAL-ENTINE'S DAY not MAID'S DAY
1. Nothing. Even if she says "Oh don't get me anything," get her something.

## Noteworthy African Americans in Naval History:

In 1998, 135 years from the day the Union Navy began enlisting African Americans, the U.S. Navy promoted the first black man to four-star admiral.

Adm. J. Paul Reason served as commander of a destroyer, nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser, and an aircraft carrier battle group, as well as a Naval base commander, surface warfare commander and military aide to two presidents.

"I totally attribute my success to those who have gone before me - all minorities," Reason said. "People who have broken down barriers by showing others they're capable of doing the expected task, that they can perform and it has nothing to do with color of skin or ethnicity-- nothing to do with anything other than a person's capabilities."

