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Miss California USA to Tour the USS Reagan as Guest of the Michael Reagan Family

San Diego, CA – Carrie Prejean, who serves as Miss California USA, will tour the USS Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 7, departing from San Diego to begin a regularly scheduled Western Pacific deployment. Prejean and her sister, Christine, will be the guest of Michael Reagan, author and eldest son of former President Reagan, and the U.S. Navy. Reagan will meet the Prejeans in San Diego this afternoon and personally escort them aboard the aircraft carrier.

Miss California USA will tour the Reagan and greet the 5,000 sailor and marines who are headed to sea for deployment. "I am very proud of Miss California USA for accepting my invitation to visit the troops aboard the Reagan, only a few days after Memorial Day," said Reagan. "The men and women aboard the Reagan will deeply appreciate the time she spends with them and her support."

"It is such a distinct honor to be invited to greet our troops on the USS Ronald Reagan and spend time with the men and women who are being deployed to defend our great nation," said Miss California USA Carrie Prejean. "I will keep them in my thoughts and pray that the motto of 'Peace through Strength' is one that they will carry with them each day until their safe return."

Ronald Reagan is the flagship of CSG 7 and the ninth of 10 Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. The ship is named for the 40th president and the ship's motto, "Peace through Strength," was a recurring theme during the Reagan presidency.

"Our troops deserve our utmost respect and admiration for their hard work and dedication to freedom. I appreciate Miss California USA's generosity of time and support for America's men and women in uniform during these perilous and uncertain times," said Reagan, who serves as president of the Reagan Legacy Foundation.

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