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FAMILY GRAM



WHY DID THE USS NASSAU

MAKE A CARIBBEAN CRUISE ?

IN A NATIONALLY TELEVISED SPEECH ON OCTOBER 1, 1979, PRESIDENT CARTER DISCUSSED THE IMPACT OF THE PRESENCE OF A SOVIET COMBAT BRIGADE IN CUBA AND EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO DEMONSTRATE THE UNITED STATES' CONTINUING INTEREST IN AND IDENTIFICATION WITH THE CARIBBEAN REGION.

SPECIFICALLY, HE MENTIONED INCREASING THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA BY VIRTUE OF STEPPING UP MILITARY EXERCISE ACTIVITY IN THE CARIBBEAN.

AS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THAT PRESIDENTIAL GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION, THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF U.S. ATLANTIC COMMAND AND U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET, ADMIRAL HARRY D. TRAIN II, DIRECTED THE FORMATION AND EXECUTION OF A CARIBBEAN TRAINING EXERCISE UTILIZING ONE OF THE NAVY'S NEWEST SHIPS, THE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIP USS NASSAU (LHA-4).

NASSAU, COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN W.A. KEARNS, JR., DEPARTED HER HOMEPORT OF NORFOLK, VA., ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 6 ENROUTE TO MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. WHERE SHE EMBARKED 290 MARINES OF SECOND MARINE DIVISION FROM CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. AND 156 PERSONNEL FROM SECOND MARINE AIR WING AT CHERRY POINT, N.C., THEIR EQUIPMENT AND AIRCRAFT.

ALSO EMBARKED IN NASSAU WAS THE 44-MAN CEREMONIAL DETACHMENT FROM MARINE BARRACKS, NORFOLK, AND THE 30-MAN U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET SHOW BAND. A DETACHMENT OF HC-6 COMPRISING TWO CH-46 SEA KNIGHT HELOS, 5 OFFICERS AND 15 ENLISTED WERE ABOARD FOR TRANSPORTING VISITING DIGNITARIES. TWO OF THE PILOTS WERE WOMEN.

NASSAU'S MISSION WAS TO CONDUCT CARIBBEAN PRESENCE OPERATIONS, INCLUDING COMMUNITY RELATION ACTIVITIES AND MARINE AIR DEMONSTRATIONS, DURING PORT VISITS TO NASSAU IN THE BAHAMAS; SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; FORT DE FRANCE, MARTINIQUE; BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS; KINGSTOWN ST. VINCENT; CARACAS, VENEZUELA AND COLON, PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

THE SHIP SERVED AS FLAGSHIP FOR ADMIRAL TRAIN DURING THE NASSAU-ST. VINCENT PORTION OF THE CRUISE AND HIS PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATE COMMANDER, VICE ADMIRAL JOHN DAVID JOHNSON, JR., COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCE, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET, EMBARKED FOR THE CARACAS AND COLON VISITS.

ONE OF THE HIGH POINTS OF EACH PORT VISIT WAS AN AIR DEMONSTRATION FEATURING AV-8A HARRIERS OF MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 542, STATIONED AT MCAS CHERRY POINT, N.C.; CH-46 SEA KNIGHT HELOS OF MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 263 AND CH-53 SEA STALLION HELOS OF MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 461, BOTH STATIONED AT NEW RIVER, N.C.

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WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THE MARINE AVIATORS TEAMED WITH MARINES FROM CAMP LEJEUNE TO DEMONSTRATE VERTICAL ASSAULTS. THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS WITNESSED THE EXHIBITION IN BARBADOS AS A FOUR-MAN RECONNAISSANCE TEAM RAPPELLED INTO A LANDING ZONE; A PLATOON-SIZED ASSAULT FORCE AND THEIR EQUIPMENT INSERTED VIA CH-53 AND CH-46S WHILE BEING SUPPORTED BY HARRIERS; AND FINALLY, THE EXTRACTION OF THE FOUR-MAN RECONNAISSANCE TEAM USING THE SPIE (SPECIAL PATROL INSERTION AND EXTRACTION) RIG.

HIGH RANKING CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERS OF EACH COUNTRY WERE INVITED ON BOARD NASSAU TO VIEW THE AIR DEMONSTRATIONS AND ATLANTIC FLEET BAND PERFORM THE CEREMONIAL "TATTOO" (EVENING COLORS AND SUNSET PARADE HONORS RENDERED TO THE HIGHEST RANKING GUEST PRESENT) FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION.

GOODWILL THROUGH COMMUNITY ACTION WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN MANY WAYS, ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF A PARTICULAR PORT. IN BARBADOS AND COLON, VOLUNTEERS GAVE UP PRECIOUS LIBERTY TIME TO PAINT A CHILDREN'S HOME AND A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY. IN BARBADOS AND ST. VINCENT MANY MARINES AND SAILORS DONATED BLOOD TO LOCAL HOSPITALS AND IN COLON A MEDICAL TEAM, LIFTED VIA HMM-263 HELOS, RENDERED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO A REMOTE VILLAGE, TREATING 197 PATIENTS, FILLING 269 PRESCRIPTIONS AND VACCINATING OVER 600 PERSONS. DENTAL PERSONNEL TREATED ANOTHER 163 PATIENTS, AND MARINES FROM HMM 461 TRANSPORTED OVER 15,000 POUNDS OF BUILDING SUPPLIES TO A REMOTE VILLAGE VIA CH-53 HELICOPTER.

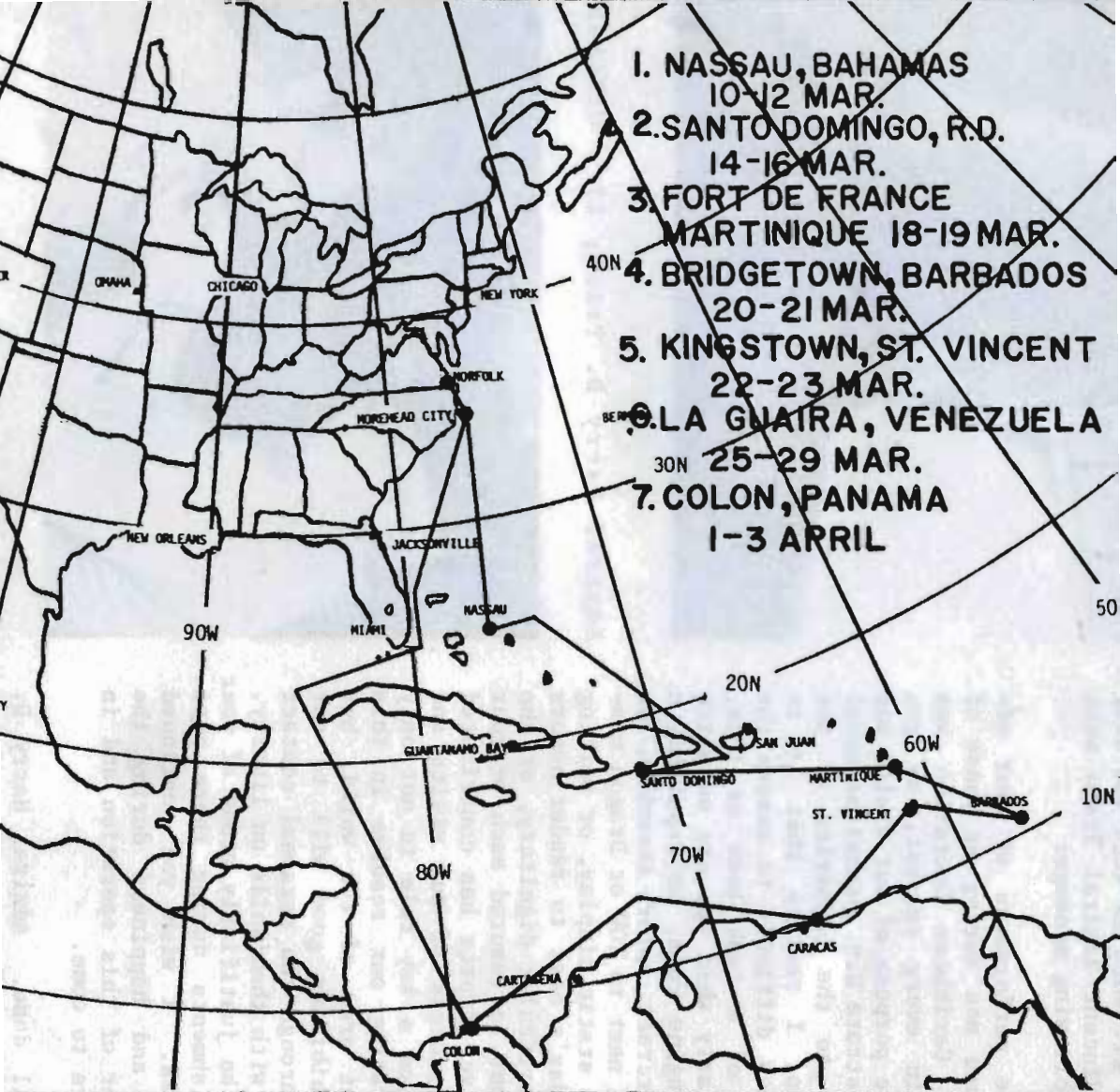
BECAUSE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS AND ANCHORING OUT, MANY OF THE 20,000 VISITORS TO THE SHIP WERE TRANSPORTED VIA THE LANDING CRAFT OF ASSAULT CRAFT UNIT TWO, STATIONED AT LITTLE CREEK, VA. THEIR LCU'S ARE CAPABLE OF CARRYING 300 PEOPLE AT A TIME. THE APPROACH TO THE SHIP FROM THE SEA ALLOWED THE VISITORS TO GRASP THE IMMENSE SIZE OF THE 820-FOOT LONG, 20-STORY HIGH AMPHIBIOUS SHIP.

ONCE ON BOARD THE SHIP, THE GUESTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR CH-46 AND CH-53 HELICOPTERS ON STATIC DISPLAY AND TO EXAMINE THE AV-8A HARRIER CLOSEUP. ALSO ON DISPLAY WERE AMPHIBIOUS TRACTORS, THE M-60 TANK, 155MM HOWITZERS AND VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL AND CREW-SERVED WEAPONS FROM THE MARINE'S ARSENAL AS WELL AS THE MODERN AND HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED NASSAU HERSELF.

IN ADDITION TO PLAYING FOR THE SUNSET PARADES, THE ATLANTIC FLEET BAND ALSO PLAYED MANY CONCERTS ASHORE, INCLUDING A VERY SUCCESSFUL APPEARANCE WITH THE PANAMANIAN NATIONAL GUARD BAND IN A "BATTLE OF THE BANDS" FORMAT IN COLON APRIL 2 THAT WAS WITNESSED BY OVER 2,000 PANAMANIANS. IN CARACAS THE BAND PERFORMED FOR MORE THAT 2,500 PEOPLE IN A DOWNTOWN CONCERT. AND, ON THE TRANSIT FROM PANAMA TO NORFOLK, THE BAND PROVIDED ACCOMPANIMENT FOR A MARINE/NAVY TALENT SHOW.

OVERALL, MARINE AIRCRAFT EMBARKED IN NASSAU LOGGED OVER 166 HOURS OF FLIGHT TIME DURING 171 FLIGHTS WHILE THE TWO NAVY CH-46 SEA KNIGHT'S FROM NORFOLK'S HC-6 LOGGED 109 HOURS AND MORE THAN 275 FLIGHTS.

THE SUCCESS OF SUCH A MISSION AS PERFORMED BY NASSAU DURING THE PAST 34 DAYS CANNOT BE FULLY ASSESSED IMMEDIATELY. THE GOODWILL GENERATED BY A FRIENDSHIP FORMED BY A SAILOR OR MARINE ON LIBERTY MAY TAKE MANY YEARS TO BEAR FRUIT. AS HE DEPARTED THE SHIP IN ST. VINCENT ADMIRAL TRAIN COMMENDED THE SHIP'S CREW ON THEIR SUPERB PERFORMANCE, SAYING "YOUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY IN PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN DEMONSTRATING OUR RESOLVE IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF THE WORLD."



1. NASSAU, BAHAMAS
10-12 MAR.

2. SANTO DOMINGO, R.D.
14-16 MAR.

3. FORT DE FRANCE
MARTINIQUE 18-19 MAR.

4. BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS
20-21 MAR.

5. KINGSTOWN, ST. VINCENT
22-23 MAR.

6. LA GUAIRA, VENEZUELA
25-29 MAR.

7. COLON, PANAMA
1-3 APRIL

CINCLANTFLT

During the first half of this cruise NASSAU served as the flagship for the Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Admiral Harry D. Train II. When he left the ship in St. Vincent Admiral Train sent us the following message:

"The performance of your officers and men during my phase of NASSAU's Caribbean Operation was superb in every respect, as you know, the purpose of our visits was to demonstrate U.S. peacetime naval presence to the countries of the Caribbean, I realize that it is oftentimes difficult to assess the success of a task such as this, particularly when you are on watch in an engine room, or repairing a down aircraft rotor assembly, or standing next to TOW or Dragon missiles on static display, or waiting in the day's heat to render honors for a particular dignitary, or the likes, but be assured each of your collective efforts has contributed to the success of our visits and has played a key role in not only demonstrating our resolve in this important area of the world, but also exhibiting good will to our hosts through the personal contact you had with them while on liberty. You can be justifiably proud of your accomplishments during these past two weeks. I wish you continued success and happiness during the remainder of this operation and in the years to come.

Well done. Admiral Harry D. Train, II."



Admiral Harry D. Train, II - CINCLANTFLT



Admiral Train promotes Ensign Robert Sykes to Lieutenant Junior Grade.

NASSAU, BAHAMAS



NASSAU sailors enjoy a band concert at the Marine House in Nassau.



GM3 John Birdwell takes a break while sightseeing at Fort Charlotte.

Over 4500 people showed up in two days to tour USS NASSAU as we visited the Caribbean resort city of Nassau in the Bahamas.

While the inhabitants of Nassau visited the ship, we set out to relax and enjoy ourselves in their town.

The city of Nassau holds a variety of activities. Sports buffs played tennis, softball, or scuba dived. The tourists among us checked out the great scenery and the numerous historical attractions. Night-lifers hit the discos, and of course just about everyone visited at least one of the island's casinos.



One of Nassau's many beautiful beaches.



A Ft. Charlotte outpost.



Ft. Charlotte Battlements.

SANTO DOMINGO

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

NASSAU received a warm welcome in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Over 30,000 people lined the beaches of Santo Domingo to watch a Marine Corps air demonstration and an additional 1600 plus came onboard via amphibious landing craft to tour the ship.

The people of Santo Domingo were friendly and happy to meet us. There were many things to do and places to visit. A softball double-header between the ship's team and the Dominican Republic Navy team resulted in lots of fun and some new friends. Our Dominican hosts treated the game as a special event, complete with a throwing in the first ball ceremony. By the way, they swept the double-header from us 10-3, and 19-6 as the Dominican Republic "Marinas" showed us a few things about the game of softball, Dominican style.

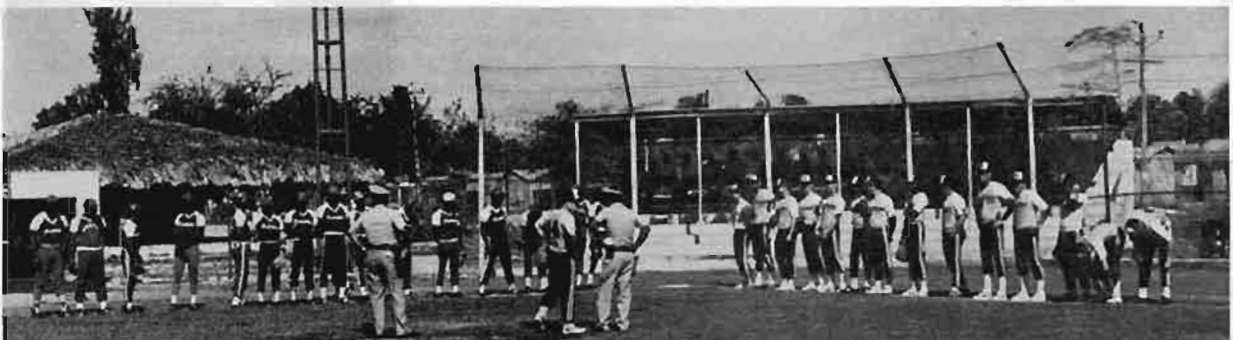
Santo Domingo also possessed a casino or two and a few of us did manage to leave the games of chance ahead, unfortunately not everyone was that lucky. . .



Some of the many friends we made in Santo Domingo.

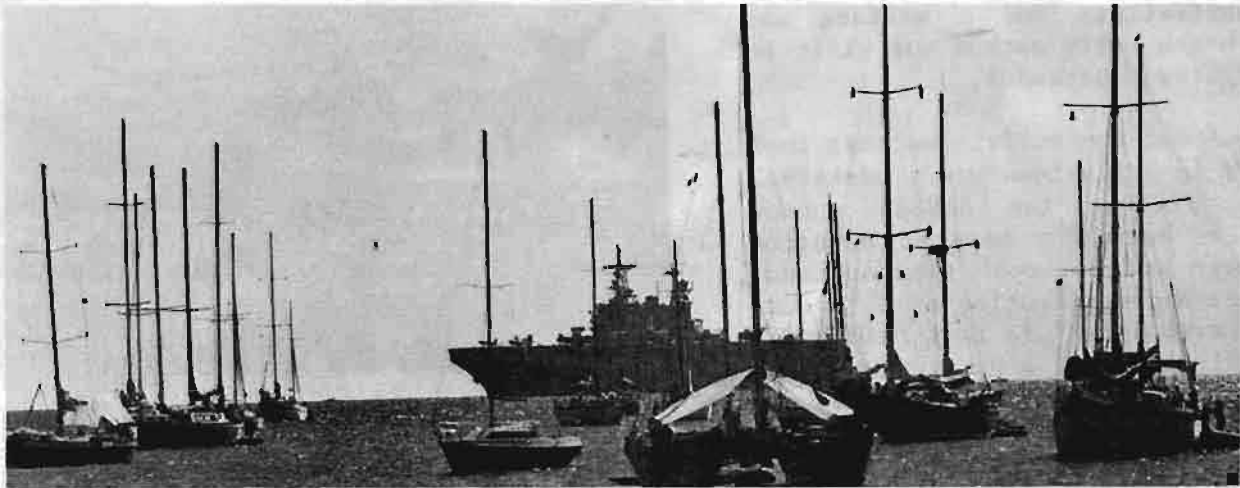


One of the many tour groups that visited the USS NASSAU in Santo Domingo.



Pre-game ceremonies before a double-header between the USS NASSAU team and a Dominican Republic Navy team.

FORT DE FRANCE, MARTINIQUE



Small shops, high prices and of course the ever present casinos marked our visit to the French Caribbean island city of Fort de France, Martinique. Crewmembers also took advantage of the sandy beaches and crystal clear blue waters surrounding the island as they worked on darkening tans and enjoyed a swim in the warm waters of the Caribbean.

Martinique also offered the contrasts of small crowded streets and open natural beauty; a constant rush of people and traffic; and the lazy peace of her beaches and sailboats.

Many NASSAU sailors started out their day in Martinique by shopping for souvenirs and gifts at the local sidewalk stands and shops that were located off fleet landing. Carved wood sculpture and hand made jewelry and scarfs seemed to be the most prevalent items to be found.



Sailors and Marines settle down for a ride to one of Martiniques beaches.



One of our first views of Martinique.

BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

Friendly people, good will demonstrations and a Welfare and Rec beach party marked our visit to Bridgetown, Barbados.

Among the activities that took place in Bridgetown was a basketball game pitting the NASSAU roundballers versus a team of Barbados college and national team members, a Marine demonstration of a "Vertical Envelopment" (a fast helibourne assault/landing) a Harrier Vertical Takeoff/Landing Jet air demonstration and a painting party (covered in the story below).



A CH-53 unloads vehicles during a demonstration of a Vertical Envelopment.



(left a painting party volunteer does his thing, while ABFAN Larry Copeland takes a shot during a NASSAU vs. Barbados basketball game.



The peace of a quiet neighborhood field on Barbados was shattered as two CH-46 helicopters from the USS NASSAU (LHA 4) landed and debarked some 30 sailors and Marines armed with paint and enthusiasm on the twentieth of March.

The mission of this unusual invasion force, led by our own Chaplain Young, was to help spread good-will, along with paint, by painting a local children's day

care center. The volunteers then went to work, with the help of several hundred "sidewalk superintendents". They worked for about four hours in temperatures in the high 80's, before finishing the job around 4 p.m..

When the "party" was finished the volunteer painters were heloed back to the NASSAU. Over 500 local residents gathered in that very same "quiet" field to see them off.

KINGSTOWN, ST VINCENT

The Windward Island of St. Vincent was the next port we visited. Anchored off the city of Kingstown, our embarked Navy band gave concerts and our athletic teams played basketball, soccer and volleyball.

Also in St. Vincent, Chaplain Young and volunteers from the crew and embarked Marines took some time to deliver over 350 cartons of books to the representative of the Anglican Archbishop of the West Indies. The books were to replace those damaged by a volcanic eruption which occurred on Good Friday, April 1979 on St. Vincent and came from the disestablished library of Johnson-Wales College in Providence, Rhode Island.



St. Vincent school children examine a Marine tank during a tour of the ship.

Sailors and Marines from the USS NASSAU (LHA 4) helped deliver 352 cartons of books to the small Windward Island of St. Vincent on the 22nd of March.

The books which were originally gathered by the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, were to help replace those damaged by a volcanic eruption that had occurred on Good Friday during April 1979.

The shipment of books, which was donated by Johnson-Wales College in Providence, Rhode Island, began its journey in the state of Rhode Island where the USS MANLEY accepted them in Newport. The MANLEY then returned to Norfolk, Virginia and transferred them to the USS NASSAU during one of the worst blizzards of the century.

Once on the NASSAU, the books were palletized and stored awaiting NASSAU's scheduled port visit in Kingstown, St. Vincent.

On the morning of March 22nd NASSAU arrived at St. Vincent and one of the first landing craft sent by the ship contained the eleven pallets of books and a liberty party of sailors and Marines who volunteered to help offload them.

Waiting on the pier was a representative of the Anglican archbishop of the West Indies along with two trucks and a number of volunteers from local schools and churches. In less than an hour the trucks were loaded and on their way to a nearby building for inventory and distribution.



CARACAS, VENEZUELA

Ship's athletics were a big part of our visit to Caracas as our basketball, softball, and soccer teams played games against Venezuelan Navy teams on the 26th, 27th, and 28th of March.

While we didn't have much general visiting in Caracas, we did show the NASSAU off to hundreds of Venezuelan military and youth groups during our four days there.

Caracas also offered some good restaurants and a number of small souvenir shops and the U.S. Embassy Marine House there was always open to us.

During our visit to Caracas the ship gave a Marine air demonstration on each of the four days there. As always, thousands of people turned out to watch the helos and Harrier jets.

We also had a family reunion onboard as Operations Specialist Petty Officer Third Class Milton Seracho (the NASSAU's star tourist guide and interpreter) was reunited with relatives he hadn't seen in almost ten years.



OS3 Milton Seracho listens while his aunt questions him about the USS NASSAU. Listening in is OSSN George Smith.



HT1 George Gerhart makes a difficult of a foul pop-up during a softball game played on a Carac Navy Base.



RM2 John Reigle, from LCU 1658, makes one of his many saves as a NASSAU goalie.

COLON, PANAMA

After Caracas we spent two busy days in the Panamanian city of Colon.

Band concerts, more air demonstrations, vertical envelopment demonstrations, military and civilian tours of the ship, and more athletic events all took place in the two days there.

One of the most important demonstrations the ship gave in Panama was a Marine Corps vertical envelopment. The vertical envelopment, utilizing both escort and transport helicopters, consists of a rapid heliborne assault conducted behind an enemy's main defensive positions for the purpose of securing objectives in the enemy's rear areas. The demonstration was given to show one of the ways the United States could defend or reinforce the Panama Canal.

During our second day in Panama over 4,000 military and civilian visitors came onboard to tour the ship while ship's athletic teams played basketball, softball, and soccer games against local teams. Once again, we managed to diplomatically lose all games to our host country's teams.

While in Panama, crewmembers took advantage of the fine restaurants in the cities and the many military facilities at Ft. Davis Army Base. A number of us also shopped for souvenirs and tried our luck in the casinos in town.



A CH-53 helicopter lands Marines during a demonstration of a Vertical Envelopment during our visit to Colon, Panama.



Marines quickly get into position after landing in a CH-53 helicopter.

ATHLETICS

During this cruise the NASSAU athletic teams helped fulfill the ship's mission by spreading goodwill and making friends by playing basketball, soccer and softball.

We didn't set any scoring records, but enthusiasm and fun always ran rampant.



Soccer Team

LCDR Alan R. Robinson
 LT Robert P. Bustamante
 LT Thomas E. Madre, II
 LTJG Donald G. Fitterer
 DN Derrick T. Alexis
 AN Otis S. Batzel
 AN Agostinho L. Silva
 AN Juan Suarez
 SN Nelso J. Torres
 SN Patrick E. Thompson
 BM2 Charles N. Curtis
 LISN Malcolm R. Vanhoesen
 BM2 Heins Jacques
 AN Ricardo A. Perdomo
 AN Jack T. Boone
 SN Arnold E. Dolson
 ICFN Oscar B. James
 RM2 John Reigle
 CPL Karl A. Shand
 LCPL Louie J. Gonzales
 PFC Brian K. Todway

Basketball Team

DP3 Anthony W. Kelly
 DPSN David H. Coleman
 AN Owen P. Hall
 DT3 Michael Haynes
 SHSN Keith A. Davis
 RM2 Theotis Benson
 SHSN Robert K. Stewart
 EMFN Rickey M. Johnson
 EMFN Kenneth E. Battle
 YNSN Glenn P. Boyer
 SHSN Douglas J. Long
 SHSN Jerry Scott
 ABFAN Larry Copeland
 SN Jimmy C. Compton
 SH3 Charles L. Strohman
 ABF3 John M. Buck
 QMSN James D. Brown
 QMSN Victor F. Sheats
 SN Victor D. Smith
 PH2 Kevin M. Davis
 SA Samuel B. Whitaker

Softball Team

HT1 George W. Gerhart
 HT2 Lyndon D. Wynn
 MR2 John H. Cole
 OS2 David S. Thalman
 ABF2 Steven L. Hass
 LCDR William A. Himchak
 MS1 Alan R. Hardy
 ENFN David R. Wright
 ICI Frank A. Edmonson
 SMC Luis E. Alderman
 SN Robbie S. Rimer
 SH1 Henry J. Rasque
 ICFN Joseph L. Lonski
 ENC Joseph L. Brown
 GMGSN David S. Rabbitt
 ET2 David Oliver
 DS2 Mark A. Watson
 AA Jack T. Boone
 EM3 Billie J. McKinney
 HMI Douglas K. Hanson

NAVY RELIEF OFFICE OPENED ON USS NASSAU

The USS NASSAU (LHA 4) officially became the first ship in the Navy to have an office of the Navy Relief Society onboard as the result of a working ceremony held on board on Monday, January 28 while the ship was in Norfolk, Va.

The NASSAU became the first ship with a Navy Relief office on board after her commanding officer, Captain William A. Kearns Jr., USN accepted a challenge by the President of the Navy Relief Society to participate in an experiment designed to test the feasibility of decentralizing Navy Relief Society activities to the ship level in order to avoid undue delays in providing assistance to servicemembers in need.

The ship's chaplain, Commander Christopher B. Young, CHC, USN, Signalman Chief Petty Officer Luis E. Alderman, and Data Processing Chief Petty Officer Harvey L. Lawson volunteered for training as Navy Relief Society interviewers and counselors and recently underwent an intensive three-day workshop conducted at the Hampton Roads Auxiliary headquarters and on board the NASSAU. The workshop was conducted by Miss Louise Diver, Field Representative from the Navy Relief Society, Arlington, Va. and by the Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Auxiliary headquarters, Ms. Betty Burton.

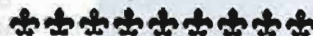


The NASSAU's Navy Relief Society staff will operate from offices dedicated to the exclusive use of crew members and the ship's company interviewers during the test period. Crewmembers will go directly to the NASSAU Navy Relief office instead of the Hampton Roads Auxiliary.



Rhymes of the Times

EVERY TIME
YOU DO
BEST WHAT
YOU CAN,
YOU PROVE
YOURSELF
A BETTER
MAN.
...Agem-AFPS



HARRIER OPS

On the 18th of January the NASSAU recorded another first as we became daytime qualified to handle the Marine Corps vertical short takeoff and landing AV-8A "Harrier" airplanes.

Since that time Air department has landed over one hundred "Harriers" without an incident.



WARRANT OFFICERS APPEAR IN NAVY FILM

Several warrant officers on the USS NASSAU (LHA 4) got a taste of show business during the week of Feb. 17th through the 23rd.

During that week different work spaces on the ship were used as "sets" while a mixed civilian and military photographic crew from the Naval Photographic Center (NPC) and a couple of Fleet Audio Visual Command photographers went about shooting a film on the warrant officer program.

Filming took place in the NASSAU Captains' Office, Shipfitters Shop and various other spaces, as the film's director tried to capture the professional and military duties and responsibilities of the ship's warrant officers.

Shooting scenes varied from the Ship's Secretary, CW02 Luther Barr, in conference with the executive officer to the Repair Technician, CW02 Frederick Dixon, supervising work in the Shipfitters shop.

CW02 Fred Dixon and HT2 Antonio Sanchez play out their parts while the camera rolls.



While the filming was not treated as a special event, the NASSAU crew did take an interest in it and learned a little about the preparations that go into making a movie.

WELFARE AND REC BOWLING PARTY A HIT!

Over 200 crewmen and dependents participated in a bowling party sponsored by the USS NASSAU's (LHA 4) Welfare and Recreation Committee at the Officers Bowling Center on the 23rd of February.

The free party which began at 1900 and lasted to 2400 received an overwhelming response from the NASSAU crew, said Captain Richard C. Cavallaro, USMC, NASSAU special services officer. While a large turnout had been expected there were fears that the heavy rain Saturday night would stop people from attending.

The majority of participants said they enjoyed the night of free bowling and hoped that another bowling party would be planned for the near future.

A NASSAU dependent shoots for a spare.



FTM2 Ed Struble bowls during the Welfare and Rec Bowling party.



A NASSAU dependent shoots for a spare.

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