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How many bites does it take to eat a carrier?

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The cheese crew of the cheese carrier Ronald Reagan stands at cheese flight quarters, preparing to launch a cheese F/A-18 Hornet // Angela C. Hemauer

Remember awhile ago when we told you about the professional cheese sculptor who married a retired Navy officer in a pirate-themed wedding in Wisconsin? What a silly question — of course [you remember](#). The mental images it conjured up are probably burned irreparably onto your cerebrum.

But our report was incomplete: The crux of the story was how our cheese-smith, Sarah "The Cheese Lady" Kaufmann, met her cheese-hubby, retired Cmdr. Bill Parry — he saw her looking at plans for the carrier Ronald Reagan because she had been commissioned to sculpt it in Sargento. Now, at last, we've got photos of the resulting sculpture, and they don't disappoint.

Kaufmann's spokeswoman, Angela Hemauer, sent us these pix of the cheese Reagan as it was under construction and then after it had been unveiled at its commissioning ceremony. The only question is: How many crackers did this thing require?

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The cheese carrier Ronald Reagan was a prime attraction at a party aboard the carrier Midway in San Diego, in the kind of cheese-and-ship themed soiree to which Scoop Deck never gets invited // Angela C. Hemauer

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