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Command Composition and Organization

of

USS REEVES (CG 24)

USS REEVES (CG 24) is the last ship of the nine-ship LEAHY class of guided missile cruisers. Originally commissioned in 1964 as a Guided Missile Destroyer (DLG 24), she was redesignated as a Guided Missile Cruiser in 1975 along with the rest of her class.

REEVES is a multi-mission capable platform. While Anti-Air Warfare (AAW), generally in support of a carrier battle group, is her main mission, REEVES also fulfills roles in the primary mission areas of Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW); Command, Control and Communications (CCC); Space and Electronic Warfare (SEW); and Mobility (MOB). REEVES also performs functions in the secondary mission areas of Fleet Support Operations (FSO); Non-Combatant Operations (NCO); and Intelligence (INT).

Commanded by Captain Peter A. C. Long, USN, REEVES was homeported in Pearl Harbor, HI. Her administrative commander was Commander, Carrier Group 7 until 31 August 1993 when her administrative commander changed to Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. She remained under the operational control of Commander, Nimitz Battle Group as a member of Task Group 30.2 until 11 September 1993, when she commenced a pre-inactivation availability. REEVES then came under the operational control of Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific Fleet as a member of TG 15.4 for the duration of her service.

USS REEVES was decommissioned 12 November 1993.

USS REEVES (CG 24)
CALENDAR YEAR 1994
HISTORICAL CHRONOLOGY

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
01 Jan - 18 Feb	Assigned to Task Group 30.2 under Operational Command of Commander, Third Fleet.
01 Jan - 01 Feb	Plan for overseas movement inport Pearl Harbor
25-29 Jan	SESI
01 Feb	Fast cruise / Ready for sea
02 Feb	Underway Type Commander's training MIDPAC
03-04 Feb	Weapons onload Lualualei, HI
05 Feb	Dependant's Cruise
06-09 Feb	Inport steaming, Pearl Harbor
10 Feb - 30 Jul	Western Pacific / Indian Ocean / Arabian Gulf deployment with NIMITZ Battle Group
10-25 Feb	Transitex 93-W14 enroute Hong Kong
19 Feb	Change Operational Command to Commander, Seventh Fleet. Assigned to Task Group 70.2.
25-26 Feb	Conducted PASSEX with HMS Peacock
26 Feb - 01 Mar	Port visit, Hong Kong
02-05 Mar	Enroute Singapore
05 Mar	Conducted PASSEX with Royal Singapore Air Force
06-10 Mar	Upkeep inport Singapore
11-17 Mar	Enroute Arabian Gulf
18 Mar	Change Operational Command to Commander, Naval Forces Central Command. Assigned to Task Force 154. Conducted turnover with KITTY HAWK Battle Group.
19-21 Mar	Transit North Arabian Sea
22 Mar	Transit Strait of Hormuz enroute Northern Arabian Gulf. Conducted INCHOP brief.
23 Mar	AAW operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf

24-25 Mar	Upkeep inport Bahrain
26-27 Mar	Enroute Gulf of Oman
27 Mar	Transit Strait of Hormuz
28-31 Mar	Participated in Exercise Ahmed Bin Majid with Omani and United Arab Emirates navies.
01-03 Apr	Port visit Muscat, Oman
04-05 Apr	Enroute Northern Arabian Gulf
04 Apr	Transit Strait of Hormuz
06-08 Apr	AAW operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf
09 Apr	Enroute Bahrain
10-18 Apr	Upkeep inport Bahrain; embarked Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command.
19-20 Apr	Enroute Muscat, Oman
20 Apr	Transit Strait of Hormuz
21-24 Apr	Port visit Muscat Oman
24 Apr	Hosted the Gulf Cooperation Council Maritime Commander's Conference.
25 Apr	Transit Strait of Hormuz enroute Bahrain
26 Apr - 09 May	Tender Availability with USS CAPE COD (AD 43) Bahrain
10-18 May	AAW picket operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf
10 May	Arabian Gulf Irish Rogue advisory control unit
19 May	Enroute Dubai, United Arab Emirates
20-25 May	Port visit Dubai, UAE
26 May	Enroute Northern Arabian Gulf
27 May - 04 Jun	AAW picket operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf
05 Jun	Enroute Abu Dhabi, UAE
06-10 Jun	Upkeep inport Abu Dhabi, UAE
11 Jun	Enroute Northern Arabian Gulf

12-17 Jun AAW operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf. Assigned as Arabian Gulf AAW Commander.

18 Jun Transit Strait of Hormuz enroute North Arabian Sea

19-21 Jun Transit North Arabian Sea

22 Jun Change operational command to Commander, Seventh Fleet. Assigned to Task Group 70.2.

22-26 Jun Enroute Phuket, Thailand

27-29 Jun Port visit Phuket, Thailand

30 Jun Enroute Singapore

01-06 Jul Port visit Singapore

07-14 Jul Enroute Guam OPAREA

15-22 Jul Participated in Exercise Tandem Thrust 93. Assigned to Task Force 076 as Tandem Thrust AAW and Screen Commander.

23-29 Jul Transitex 93-E97 enroute Pearl Harbor, HI. Assigned to Task Group 70.2.

25 Jul Change Operational Command to Commander, Third Fleet. Assigned to Task Group 30.2.

30 Jul - 29 Aug Conducted post-deployment leave and upkeep inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

30 Aug - 10 Sep Upkeep inport Pearl Harbor, HI

11 Sep - 11 Nov Pre-inactivation period inport Pearl Harbor, HI

08-10 Sep Weapons offload at Naval Magazine Lualualei, HI

13-17 Sep Fuel offload inport Pearl Harbor, HI

17 Sep - 11 Nov Pre-inactivation availability with SIMA Pearl Harbor.

12 Nov Decommissioned

USS REEVES (CG 24)
HISTORICAL NARRATIVE
CALENDAR YEAR 1993

USS REEVES (CG 24) began 1993 in her homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in the final stage of pre-deployment work-ups, Plan for Overseas Movement. During the month of January, REEVES made final preparations for deployment, including stores onload and final calibration checks on electronic equipment.

01 February, REEVES conducted a fast cruise to ensure all hands were familiar with their positions and all internal communications were satisfactory for getting underway. This marked the beginning of REEVES' Ready for Sea employment during which her engineering plant remained steaming through the commencement of deployment. On 02 February, REEVES got underway for the MIDPAC operating areas, where she performed some "shakedown" training and testing prior to mooring at Naval Magazine Lualualei for weapons onload. On the 3rd and 4th, REEVES took on the balance of her deployment weapons load, including Harpoon and Standard missiles. 05 February, REEVES conducted a dependant's cruise, giving the crew's families and friends an opportunity to see the "Ironmen" in action while providing them with a beautiful view of Diamond Head and scenic shorelines of Oahu.

10 February, REEVES got underway for a six-month deployment with the NIMITZ Battle Group. From 10 to 25 February, she rendezvoused with the remainder of the battlegroup ships and conducted training exercises with other battlegroup units while enroute to Hong Kong. Late in the evening to early the next morning, REEVES conducted a passing exercise with the British Royal Navy ship HMS Peacock. Following a successful exercise, the ship visited Hong Kong from 26 February to 01 March.

02 to 05 March, REEVES made the transit to Singapore, participating in a passing exercise with aircraft of the Royal Singapore Air Force. The ship then conducted a short upkeep in Singapore before continuing on to the Arabian Gulf 11 March. 18 March, the Battle Group exchanged information and turnover equipment with the KITTY HAWK Battle Group, which NIMITZ units were relieving from duties in the Arabian Gulf.

22 March, REEVES transited the Strait of Hormuz and spent one day on station in the North Arabian Gulf (NAG) performing AAW operations before pulling in to Bahrain for a two day upkeep period. Here, REEVES received a Mast Mounted Sight which allowed watchstanders in CIC to visually search the area surrounding the ship for mines, small craft, and other hazards of the Gulf both day and night.

On 26 March, REEVES made for sea again, now enroute Wuddam Naval Base in Oman. 27 March, she transited the Strait of Hormuz and anchored off Wuddam the following day to exchange observers and embark members of the Omani and United Arab Emirates navies for participation in Exercise Ahmed Bin Majid. This exercise lasted four days and was followed by a three-day visit to Muscat, Oman's capital.

04 April, REEVES again transited the Strait of Hormuz enroute the NAG. She spent three days on station as an AAW picket ship in support of Operation Southern Watch before pulling into Bahrain for a nine-day upkeep.

19 April, REEVES was again enroute Oman, transiting the Strait of Hormuz on the 20th. The next three days were spent in port Muscat Oman, making preparations to hold the Gulf Cooperation Council Maritime Commander's Conference onboard. The conference, hosted by Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, was held in REEVES' wardroom, and featured tours of the ship and an elaborate lunch on the fantail. The conference was a major success for both U.S.-Middle East relations and USS REEVES.

Immediately following the conference, the ship was underway for Bahrain, transiting the Strait of Hormuz the following day. 26 March commenced a two-week tender availability with the USS CAPE COD (AD 43) during which the Ironmen of REEVES worked with the tender's Repair Department to complete over 100 jobs.

Following a profitable availability, the ship proceeded to the NAG to act as AAW picket ship from 10 to 18 May. She then pulled in to Dubai, UAE for a five-day visit before proceeding back to the NAG, this time as the Arabian Gulf AAW Commander. REEVES sailors were tasked with maintaining the tactical data link for all ships in the Gulf and keeping the air "picture" clear for all ships. During this time, REEVES played an active role in coordinating the conduct of Operation Southern Watch.

Following a challenging at sea period, the crew once again had a chance to relax. This time it was in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

After one more visit to the North Arabian Gulf as AAW PICKET ship, REEVES turned her bow to the south and away from the Carrier Operating Areas for the last time on 17 June. On the 18th, she completed her final transit of the Strait of Hormuz and proceeded East toward Phuket, Thailand.

Shortly before arriving in Phuket, REEVES was detached with two other ships from the Battle Group to make the remainder of the voyage to home port independently. The three ships reached Phuket on 27 June and spent an enjoyable three day visit there before again proceeding to Singapore for a six day visit. Singapore would prove to be the last overseas port REEVES would visit.

07 July, the ship continued eastward toward Guam where she was scheduled to participate in Exercise Tandem Thrust 93. During the seven-day transit, the Ironmen conducted training and made preparations for this exercise which would put into practice many of the new philosophies of the new Naval strategy "From the Sea."

Exercise Tandem Thrust 93 was conducted from 15 to 22 July. REEVES was tasked as Naval Forces Screen Coordinator and AAW Commander. From the exercise, watchstanders learned a great deal about joint and amphibious operations.

REEVES made the last leg of her journey back to Pearl Harbor, arriving 30 July. The ship then conducted a 30 day leave and upkeep period during which crewmembers were able to take leave and rejoin their families. This period also saw the start of equipment removal and disconnection in preparation for decommissioning.

Air search radars, electronic warfare and communications equipment, and nearly all equipment in the combat information center were removed and transferred to various activities for further service to the fleet.

08 - 10 September, the ship got underway for the last time to offload weapons at Naval Magazine Lualualei for weapons offload. The following week, fuel was offloaded.

11 September marked the beginning of REEVES' pre-inactivation availability. On 27 September, the galley served its last meal, and the crew move commenced. The ship was decommissioned in a ceremony held at 1000, 12 November 1993.