



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
USS REEVES (CG-24)
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96677

IN REPLY REFER TO

1 September 1982

Dear REEVES Families:

I am writing to you from our homeport of Yokosuka. Once again REEVES is pierside undergoing normal upkeep and repair with the outstanding support of the Ship Repair Facility.

As August rolled in, REEVES was steaming in the Sea of Japan with the MIDWAY Battle Group. We were serving in our normal role as the Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) Commander for the Battle Group. During this underway period, REEVES participated in a combined Anti-Submarine exercise with warships from the Japanese Self-Defense Force. Several years had elapsed since the last major combined exercise between U.S. Navy and Japanese Self-Defense Force ships. Exercises of this nature are of vital importance in keeping sea lanes open and protected. It is paramount that free world navies be able to work in concert with one another in maintaining this objective. LTJG Keith REINSCHREIBER and DS3 Fred BUCKLEY transferred to JDS HARUNA for the exercise and LT Tsutomu ANZAI of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force came aboard REEVES for five days.

After twenty-four days of steaming, REEVES returned to Yokosuka on 19 August where we received a wonderful homecoming from family members and friends.

The last twelve days in Yokosuka have been busy with a variety of activities. REEVES' softball team participated in the Seventh Fleet Slowpitch Softball Tournament held 21-23 August in Yokosuka. After losing the first game to the USS MIDWAY, REEVES came back in the double elimination play to win the next five games (including a two game sweep over the MIDWAY in the finals) and was crowned Seventh Fleet Champs. The following weekend, REEVES participated in the Western Pacific Regional Slowpitch Softball Tournament; but, unable to repeat the spectacular performance of the previous week, the team was eliminated from play with a one win/one loss record. REEVES' team members are:

LT Paul TESKE, ENS Scott FERGUSON (Coach), STG1 Steve RUSSELL, FTM1 George POOLE, GMT1 Martin VEROSTEK, QM1 Richard CONWAY, BT1 Augustine MENDOZA, FTM2 Ricky PATRICK, STG2 Paul CHISM, FTM2 James PRUETT, SK2 Robert HALL, STG2 Bradley MCADAM, and MMFN Anthony CORDOVA.

On Friday, 27 August, REEVES' crewmembers participated in the annual George I. Purdy Motor Whale Boat Race which was held in the boat basin at Yokosuka. The contest consists of motoring and rowing a twenty-six foot motor whale boat through a two mile course. Through a superb effort, REEVES' team placed second in a field of seven. REEVES' crew was also voted the "Best in Seamanship" out of all the entries and received a plaque in the ceremony following the race. A "Well Done" and congratulations are extended to the coxswain and crew consisting of BM3 Brad BUTLER (Coxswain), BM3 Peter ANDROSHUK, HT2 Anthony CONNELL, HT3 Austin SMOOT, HTFN John STINER, SN Richard HILLEMANN, and SN Antonio ARTOLOZAGA.

On 25 August, REEVES' hosted a visit by the Asian Council, a distinguished group of Japanese civilians interested in U. S.-Japan relations and issues affecting the Far East economically, strategically, and culturally. They received a briefing on REEVES' capabilities and how we function as part of the MIDWAY Battle Group followed by a tour of the ship. It is important that we continue to project to our host country of Japan and the

other countries of the Pacific Littoral of the Asian continent the fact of the strong, professional and continuing presence of the United States Navy in these waters. I am pleased that Commander, U. S. Forces Japan, Commander Naval Forces Japan, and Commander Seventh Fleet found REEVES an effective means to transmit that message. Furthermore I assure you that you would be very pleased with the way your REEVES' member is representing the United States and the U. S. Navy in this important function.

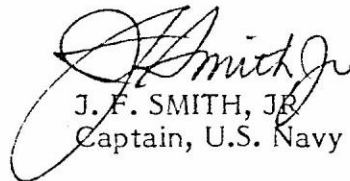
A hearty "Welcome Aboard" is extended to the following men who joined REEVES in August:

BTCM John ARMSTRONG (the new Master Chief Petty Officer of the Command), MM1 Ronald COLLANDER, DS2 Florante DEOGAYGAY, QM2 James DAY, BT2 Jesse BROWN, STG2 Charles FOSTER Jr, SH2 Antonio OCAMPO, MM3 James PUCKETT, MM3 James Martin III, PCSN Max HAYES, MSSA Kevin VICKMAN, BTFA Harrison ASKEY, RMSR Richard FUENTES and SMSR Christopher PYLES.

Looking toward the future, we continue to plan for our Baseline Overhaul to be conducted at the Ship Repair Facility at Yokosuka. We anticipate starting the pre-overhaul stand down on 11 October in Yokosuka and remaining in an overhaul status for over a year. All dates and all plans are subject to change, but we hope to have a TIGER Cruise for male dependents 8 years or older from Sasebo to Yokosuka on 9 and 10 October. More information on this will be promulgated through your REEVES' crewmember. We will need names prior to 24 September in order to coordinate transportation and berthing space.

Your thoughts, letters, and prayers mean a great deal to us. Let me encourage you to keep them flowing in our direction.

Sincerely,



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Captain, U.S. Navy