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By direction

Captain William D. Center
Commanding Officer, USS REEVES (CG 24)

Captain Bill Center was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1945. He attended high school and college in Los Angeles, California prior to entering the United States Naval Academy. Following graduation and commissioning in 1968, he was assigned to USS HENRY W. TUCKER (DD 875), forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. After attending Destroyer School in 1970, he served as Chief Engineer in USS GURKE (DD 783), a unit of DESRON FIFTEEN during the squadron's initial deployment to Japan. In December 1972, he assumed command of USS EXPLOIT (MSO 440). That tour was followed by assignment as Executive Officer in USS BLANDY (DD 943). He was awarded a Master of Public Administration Degree by the University of Washington in 1978 and was subsequently assigned as Chief Staff Officer, Destroyer Squadron Thirty-Three. He served in the Strategic Concepts Group (OP-603), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, from April 1980 through March 1982. In August 1982, he assumed command of USS MEYERKORD (FF 1058). Following that assignment, Captain Center served for three years as Engineer Officer in USS MIDWAY (CV 41). In November 1987, he assumed command of USS REEVES (CG 24).

Captain Center has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal (with combat "V"), the Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star in lieu of second award), and the Navy Commendation Medal. [REDACTED]

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USS REEVES Command Composition and Organization

The Guided Missile Cruiser REEVES is named in honor of Admiral Joseph M. REEVES (1872-1948) whose naval career spanned fifty-two years and three wars. Throughout those years of dedicated service, Admiral REEVES held many positions of significant leadership and responsibility, including Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet from 1934-1936.

USS REEVES was commissioned on 15 May 1964 as a Guided Missile Frigate and designated DLG 24. In 1969, she was decommissioned for installation of a sophisticated electronics package to enhance her anti-airwarfare capabilities. REEVES was recommissioned on 29 August 1970. On 1 July 1975, REEVES was redesignated a Guided Missile Cruiser (CG 24) and is the last ship of nine LEAHY class guided missile cruisers.

REEVES immediate operational commander is Commander, Naval Surface Group Western Pacific (COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC); Rear Admiral D. C. Richardson and Rear Admiral G. L. Chesbrough served in that capacity during 1988. Captain William D. Center was REEVES Commanding Officer during 1988. REEVES is homeported in Yokosuka, Japan under the Overseas Family Residency Program.

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USS REEVES 1988 Command Chronology

1 JAN - 16 MAR	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
4 JAN	CREW MOVES TO BERTHING BARGE
7 JAN	SRF ARRIVAL CONFERENCE
9 JAN	CFAY TUG OF WAR TOURNAMENT
15 JAN	CO'S PERSONNEL INSPECTION
22 JAN	WINTER FLING
27 JAN	JASDF FIRST AIR WING SHIP TOUR
30 JAN	WARDROOM SUPERBOWL
31 JAN	NISSAN CUP TUG OF WAR TOURNAMENT
3 FEB	COMNAVSURFPAC, VADM DAVIS, AND COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC, RADM RICHARDSON VISIT
4 FEB	JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TOUR
5 FEB	USO PRESIDENT, CHARLES T. HAGEL, VISITS
21 FEB	VISIT TO MISONO CHILDREN'S HOME; \$1352 RAISED
2 MAR	CREW MOVES BACK ABOARD REEVES
8 MAR	JASDF STAFF COLLEGE TOUR
10 MAR	COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS TEST BEGINS
11 - 13 MAR	SUPPLY MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT
16 - 18 MAR	UNDERWAY; SEA TRIALS
18 - 19 MAR	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
19 - 20 MAR	AMMO ANCHORAGE FOR AMMO ONLOAD
20 MAR - 7 APR	UNDERWAY; TEAM SPIRIT 1988
3 APR	EASTER SUNDAY
7 - 9 APR	IN PORT PUSAN
9 - 11 APR	DEPART PUSAN
11 APR - 2 MAY	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
15 APR	NFL FOOTBALL PLAYERS VISIT
18 - 20 APR	TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION
22 APR	KINNICK HIGH SCHOOL CAREER AWARENESS DAY
25 APR	AVIATION READINESS INSPECTION
25 - 28 APR	3-M ASSIST VISIT
28 APR	SHIFT TO COMBAT SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION
30 APR	DESRON FIFTEEN DINING OUT
2 - 14 MAY	UNDERWAY; REFTRA
5 MAY	SVTT/RTT FIRINGS
12 MAY	CIWS, SM-1, SM-2 FIRINGS
13 MAY	TOW/BE TOWED EXERCISE WITH USNS SIOUX; MOOR TO BUOY 19 SUBIC BAY HARBOR
14 MAY	UNDERWAY; FINAL REFTRA BATTLE PROBLEM
14 - 26 MAY	INPORT SUBIC BAY
15 MAY	MMFN BRIAN JAQUAY SAVES LIFE OF LOCAL GIRL
16 MAY	SHIP'S BIRTHDAY; PERSONNEL INSPECTION/AWARDS CEREMONY; RADM RICHARDSON VISITS
23 MAY - 17 JUN	MIDSHIPMEN EMBARKED FOR TRAINING
26 - 28 MAY	HARPOONEX; EMBARK CTF 70, RADM BROOKS, AND STAFF
27 MAY	CREW DONATES \$1350 FOR JANICE ANTIPOLO
31 MAY - 6 JUN	ENROUTE CHINHAE, KOREA
6 - 8 JUN	IN PORT CHINHAE
8 - 13 JUN	ASWEX 88-2K

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13 - 15 JUN	IN PORT SASEBO
13 - 17 JUN	ISIC ENGINEERING READINESS ASSESSMENT COMMENCES
15 - 17 JUN	ENROUTE YOKOSUKA
17 JUN - 5 JUL	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
20 JUN	DEPENDENTS' PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEF
23 JUN - 10 JUL	MIDSHIPMEN EMBARKED FOR TRAINING
1 JUL	PRE-DEPLOYMENT PICNIC
2 JUL	MT. FUJI CLIMB
5 - 10 JUL	ENROUTE SUBIC BAY
10 JUL	IN PORT SUBIC BAY
11 - 19 JUL	ENROUTE SRI LANKA
14 JUL	CROSSING THE LINE CEREMONY
19 JUL	BSF; COLUMBO, SRI LANKA
19 - 25 JUL	ENROUTE PERSIAN GULF
20 JUL	BOAT RESCUE
25 JUL	RDVU WITH USS O'BRIEN (DD 975); TRANSIT STRAIT OF HORMUZ
25 - 27 JUL	ENROUTE BAHRAIN
27 - 29 JUL	ANCHORED, SITRA BAHRAIN
29 JUL - 6 AUG	PATROL OPS
6 AUG	BSF; MINA JEBEL ALI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
6 - 11 AUG	PATROL OPS
10 AUG	UNREP WITH USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3)
11 - 13 AUG	ANCHORED, SITRA BAHRAIN
20 AUG	IRAN - IRAQ CEASE FIRE
21 - 22 AUG	ANCHORED, SITRA BAHRAIN
22 - 26 AUG	PATROL OPS
24 AUG	FIRST SEMESTER PACE CLASSES BEGIN
25 - 26 AUG	PERSONNEL EXCHANGE WITH HMS SOUTHAMPTON
27 - 28 AUG	ANCHORED, SITRA BAHRAIN
28 AUG - 2 SEP	PATROL OPS
2 - 4 SEP	ANCHORED, SITRA BAHRAIN
4 SEP	ASSUME DUTIES AS "GW"
4 - 13 SEP	PATROL OPS
10 SEP	UNREP WITH USS NIAGARA FALLS
14 - 16 SEP	ANCHORED, SITRA BAHRAIN
14 SEP	COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE MIDDLE EAST, RADM LESS, AND HIS DEPUTY, BGEN GILL, VISIT
16 - 22 SEP	PATROL OPS
16 SEP	POW/MIA RECOGNITION SERVICE
18 - 23 SEP	STRESS EVALUATION TEAM VISITS
23 - 25 SEP	ANCHORED, SITRA BAHRAIN
25 - 27 SEP	ENROUTE TENDER AVAILABILITY
26 SEP	TRANSIT SOH; UNREP WITH USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO 107)
27 SEP - 4 OCT	MOORED OFF OF RAS AL HADD, OMAN ALONGSIDE USS PRAIRIE (AD 15) FOR TAV
28 SEP - 4 OCT	USS TEXAS (CGN 39) MOORS ALONGSIDE FOR TAV
4 - 8 OCT	ENROUTE BAHRAIN
4 OCT	UNREP WITH USNS PASSUMPSIC
6 OCT	TRANSIT SOH
7 OCT	UNREP WITH USS NIAGARA FALLS
8 OCT	BSP; BAHRAIN

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8 - 12 OCT	PATROL OPS
12 - 14 OCT	ANCHORED, SITRA BAHRAIN
14 - 19 OCT	PATROL OPS
14 OCT	SECOND SEMESTER PACE CLASSES BEGIN
20 - 22 OCT	ANCHORED, SITRA BAHRAIN
22 - 28 OCT	PATROL OPS
28 - 30 OCT	ANCHORED, SITRA BAHRAIN
28 NOV	USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27) ASSUMES DUTIES AS "GW"
29 OCT	CJTFME, RADM LESS, VISITS FOR FAREWELL COOKOUT
30 OCT - 1 NOV	ENROUTE OMAN
31 OCT	TRANSIT SOH
1 NOV	RDVU WITH USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986) FOR TURNOVER BRIEFS
1 - 9 NOV	ENROUTE PHUKET, THAILAND
2 NOV	UNREP WITH USS MARS (AFS 1) AND USS WILLAMETTE (AO 180)
9 - 13 NOV	ANCHORED PHUKET
13 - 15 NOV	ENROUTE SINGAPORE
15 - 17 NOV	IN PORT SINGAPORE
17 - 21 NOV	ENROUTE SUBIC BAY
21 - 25 NOV	IN PORT SUBIC BAY
21 NOV	CREW DONATES \$1900 FOR TYPHOON RELIEF
22 NOV	CNSGWP, RADM CHESBROUGH, VISITS FOR AWARDS CEREMONY
23 NOV	PROJECT HANDCLASP WORK PROJECT; PAINT PINULAT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
24 NOV	THANKSGIVING DAY
25 - 30 NOV	ENROUTE YOKOSUKA
30 NOV - 31 DEC	IN PORT YOKOSUKA; COMMENCE POST-DEPLOYMENT/HOLIDAY, LEAVE, AND UPKEEP PERIOD
13 DEC	MCPON VISITS
14 DEC	ASIAN COUNCIL/JAPANESE JOINT STAFF COLLEGE SHIP TOUR
15 DEC	COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET, VADM MAUZ VISITS
18 DEC	MISONO CHILDREN'S HOME/REEVES KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY
23 DEC	JDS TAKATSUKI SISTER SHIP VISIT
25 DEC	CHRISTMAS DAY
31 DEC	NEW YEAR'S EVE

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USS REEVES 1988 Narrative History

REEVES started 1988 with a two-and-a-half month Selected Restricted Availability. One of the main focuses of the SRA was to improve crew habitability. The crew moved onto a berthing barge for two months while extensive renovation was in progress in their normal living spaces.

After completion of the SRA, Combat Systems Readiness Test, and Supply Management Inspection, REEVES departed in March to participate in "Team Spirit 88," a joint United States Navy/Republic of Korea Navy annual exercise. REEVES served as Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator and Area Defense Coordinator in support of the Amphibious Task Force during Team Spirit. After a brief port visit to Pusan, Korea, REEVES returned to Yokosuka where she successfully completed several more inspections including Training Readiness Evaluation, Aviation Readiness Evaluation, and a 3-M Assist Visit.

During May, REEVES embarked forty instructors from Fleet Training Group, Western Pacific who assisted and evaluated crew performance during Refresher Training (REFTRA). During the weeks of intensive training, all of REEVES combat systems--guns, missiles, and torpedoes--were successfully tested and emergency drills as well as several deck evolutions were conducted. The training proved to be an excellent preparation for REEVES upcoming Middle East Force deployment. Following REFTRA, REEVES embarked CTF 70, RADM Brooks, and conducted a Harpoon missile firing. After that, she joined the ROKN for a combined ASW exercise with DESRON 15 and again returned home to Yokosuka.

Departing Yokosuka on 5 July, REEVES became the first USN ship to return to the Persian Gulf for a second tour since the beginning of the "Earnest Will" convoy escort missions. On 20 July, while enroute to the Persian Gulf, REEVES encountered an Indian fishing boat, "P.S.M. Marayam," which had been drifting 35 miles southwest of India for three days. After attempts to repair her engine were unsuccessful, REEVES towed the boat to the vicinity of Quilon, India providing them with food, water, and clothing along the way.

Arriving in the Gulf on 25 July, REEVES served first as local Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator for Joint Task Force Middle East and on 4 September assumed duties as Force Anti-Air Warfare Commander, "GW." On 20 August, after many days of an unofficial truce, Iran and Iraq formally agreed to a cease-fire and tensions in the Persian Gulf lessened. At the turn of the fiscal year, REEVES moored alongside USS PRAIRIE (AD 15) off of Ras Al Hadd, Oman and was soon joined by USS TEXAS (CGN 39) for a week long Tender Availability. The TAV gave the crew a break from the sweltering heat of the Gulf and the ship an opportunity to receive much needed services.

After serving a third month in the Gulf, REEVES turned over "GW" to USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG 27) and departed the Gulf after "101 Arabian Nights." On 30 November, REEVES returned home to Yokosuka via liberty stops in Thailand, Singapore, and the Philippines. The crew was extremely proud that their contributions protected American interests and helped bring peace to that troubled region. After 225 days underway and a second Persian Gulf deployment, 1988 truly proved why the crew of Warship REEVES has earned the title, IRONMEN.

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