



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

IN REPLY REFER TO
10 March 1981

REEVES' FAMILY GRAM

Dear REEVES' family,

As I write this familygram to you, I once again realize how fast time passes. By the time you receive this we will be well on our way into our deployment.

First of all, I want to thank each of you for the patience, understanding and support that you demonstrated prior to our departure from Yokosuka, Japan. Predeployment preparation is never easy and all of you contributed significantly to our successfully getting underway for the Indian Ocean. I am confident that you will find excellent representation in your Ombudsmen; Mary Barnette (Ph#-0468, 73-6418) and Patti Stalion (Ph# 234-4310). Please feel free to call them for support.

Our transit to Subic Bay enabled each of us to readjust emotionally from leaving our loved ones and gave us the opportunity to begin working as a team.

Five days in Subic enabled us to receive some needed repairs to the ship and provide liberty for the crew. Prior to arrival in the Philippines, STGCS HARDY provided the crew with information concerning cultural differences and conduct while on liberty. This, combined with the overall excellent behavior of the crew, as always, contributed to a successful port visit in Subic Bay. Once again the REEVES crew demonstrated its outstanding ability to represent our country with dignity anywhere in the world.

While in Subic Bay several of our men received awards and promotions. Seven of our crewmen received the Good Conduct Medal for their outstanding conduct over the past four years: NC1 FRAZIER (fourth); MS1 DIMACULANGAN (third); BT1 ARCEO (second); OS1 LENNON (first & second); F1M2 WICHMANN (first); F1M2 DONAHUE (first); IC2 HARRIS (first).

Four of our crewmen received Certificates of Appointment (Advancement): RM1 WATSON; DS2 CROWNOVER; GMM2 SHERMAN; ET2 VANDENHEUVEL.

Three crewmen were honored as the Outstanding Food Service Attendant for the Month: B1FR URMENIA (October); HTFA FINN (November); MMFA CARTER (December).

Two of our crewmen received Letters of Appreciation from the President of the Philippine - American Culture Group: MSCS TOMS and MS1 DIMACULANGAN.

Eight of our crewmen received Letters of Appreciation from the Naval Detachment in Chinhai, South Korea, for work at a Korean Orphanage: SMC REED; SM2 JAMES; SMSN BRAINERD; RP3 Lamkin; JOSN MARTIN; SN SHIVER; SA IVY; SA WADDELL.

Others to receive awards were YN2 DUARTE for Sailor of the Quarter; a Letter of Commendation from the Commander Carrier Group One was awarded to RM3 STUMBO; a Letter of Commendation from the Commander Seventh Fleet was awarded to OS1 BERRY; a Navy Achievement Medal from the Secretary of the Navy was awarded to LT TESKE.

RADM LYONS presented the USS REEVES with the Battle "E" Award for operational proficiency during the period January 1979 through June 1980.

All the above awards and certificates are indicative of the superior quality of the individuals that make up the crew of the USS REEVES.

We are now making our way from Subic Bay to Singapore where we will spend five days on liberty. The crew is extremely busy now preparing the ship for her extended deployment in the Indian Ocean.

Each of us carry with us warm thoughts of home and look forward to the time when we are reunited. In the mean time, continue to support us in your letters and prayers.

Sincerely,



J.W. EGERTON