



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
USS REEVES (CG-24)
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IN REPLY REFER TO
1 October 1982

Dear REEVES Families:

I am writing to you from the Northern Pacific Ocean as REEVES is once again steaming at sea with the MIDWAY Battle Group. The first thirteen days of September, REEVES was pier-side in Yokosuka where we were able to complete some necessary training and upkeep.

Training is a continuing effort onboard REEVES whether we are in port or underway. In addition to all the technical training which a ship of this complexity requires, we participate in Human Goals Training as well. REEVES Command Training Team, consisting of DSCS Dale FYHR and RP2 Ronnie LAMKIN, conducts workshops with names like "Military Rights and Responsibilities", "Cultural Expression", "Sexism in the Navy", and "Actions to Counter Racism". This training informs crewmembers of the Navy's policy regarding equal opportunity within the military community, including the rights of individuals whether members of majority or minority groups, to fair and equal treatment, assignment and advancement, and how to recognize and avoid behaviors which are offensive to different ethnic or racial groups. REEVES Drug and Alcohol Team, consisting of RMCS Owen SEALS, GMMC Keith BARNETTE, DSCS Dale FYHR, and RP2 Ronnie LAMKIN, provide counseling to crewmembers and conduct workshops in the area of alcohol and drug awareness, Navy policies on drug and alcohol abuse, and how to obtain treatment if abuse is suspected. These men are trained and certified to serve in these positions over and above their normal areas of expertise. Through their dedicated efforts, REEVES crewmembers receive excellent training and guidance, and the CNO goal of Zero Tolerance for drug abuse is furthered.

At an Award Ceremony held in the Enlisted Dining Facility on 8 September 1982, many crewmembers were recognized for their outstanding service in various capacities onboard REEVES. Among them were the following:

- Food Service Attendent of the Month: RMSA Steven LLOYD for the month of August.
- DS1 George BAILLARGEON received a Letter of Commendation for his selection as Operations Department's nomination for REEVES' Sailor of the Quarter.
- MSSA Kevin VICKMAN received a Letter of Appreciation from, Commander Third Regiment, Service School Command, San Diego, CA.
- Good Conduct Medals were awarded to: OS1 William HUGHES (First Award) and FTMI George POOLE (First Award).
- We also had many advancements, promotions, and selections which are listed as follows:
 - Officer Selections for August: SMC Paul SHUGART and MMC Kenneth BOONE to Ensign
 - Officer promotions for August: Chief Warrant Officer Joe CONOLLY to CWO3
 - September Officer promotions: Ensign Tom WOHLSEN and Ensign Grant MORRIS to Lieutenant (junior grade).

- September advancements: FTMI Ruy HEIM, OS2 Lex KIRBY, EW2 William JACKSON, BT2 Gary WEBB, BT2 Ricky PATRICK, YN3 Kenneth ROBERTS, EN3 William MOGG, EN3 James LILLEY, IC3 Frank ROBERTS, MM3 Christopher JENKINS, MM3 Raymond LOPEZ, GMM3 Kenneth SMITH, QM3 Tyler SCOTT, QM3 Thomas TAYLOR, BT3 Brad WILKINS, OS3 Allan CONSBROCK, OS3 Christopher LOCKMAN, MS3 Randy GLENNÁ, MS3 Howard SMITH, PC3 Michael HALL, BM3 Peter ANDROSHUK, MR3 Eddie TURNER.

- Special congratulations are due to the our 3 new Chief Petty Officers: MAC Zane STRADER, ENC Gary SLETTERINK, and SKC Daniel BATENHORST.

On Sunday, 12 September, Typhoon Gordon ripped through the Yokosuka area with winds gusting to 80 miles per hour. REEVES crewmembers were called back to the ship to secure her for the heavy winds and remained on board for the duration of the storm to ensure the integrity of the ship. Even though Yokosuka Harbor is a Typhoon Haven (a protected harbor) REEVES is required both by regulation and good seamanship to remain in an alert status and be ready to get underway if warranted. Fortunately, the storm passed without damage, and most crewmembers were able to spend Monday wrapping up loose ends in Yokosuka before REEVES got underway the next day.

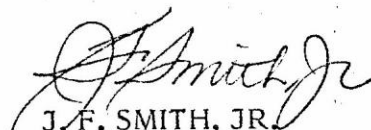
Bright and early on Tuesday morning, 14 September, REEVES steamed out of Yokosuka with the MIDWAY Battle Group to commence about a week's training and work-up in operation areas off the Japanese coast. On Saturday, 18 September, Admiral S. R. FOLEY, Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, visited REEVES arriving by helicopter from USS MIDWAY. We were quite honored that the one surface combatant ship which ADM FOLEY elected to visit during his brief visit to the battle group was USS REEVES. He was given a tour of the ship followed by a question and answer session in both the Chief Petty Officer's mess and the Wardroom. ADM FOLEY stressed the importance of our present mission and stated that he was impressed with REEVES overall condition including material readiness and morale. You can once again be proud of your crewmember, for without his pride and professionalism, REEVES would not be a "Top-Notch" Surface Combatant.

Following six days of work-up off the coast of Japan, the MIDWAY Battle Group sailed toward the Aleutian Islands stretching south-westward and westward into the Northern Pacific from Alaska. USS MIDWAY Battle Group joined forces with the USS ENTERPRISE Battle Group in the vicinity of Adak for a joint three day exercise. On 27 September, both Battle Groups headed west. By the time you receive this we will have transited the Tsugaru Straits between the Japanese Islands of Honshu and Hokkaido and entered the Sea of Japan where we will continue in joint battle group operations. The essence of these large scale exercises is to bring Navy units together in tactical organizations to ensure that all warfare units can function effectively and efficiently if ever the need to use them arises. "Preparedness" is essential to the Navy's mission to protect the free world's sea lanes.

A hearty "Welcome Aboard" is extended to the following men who joined REEVES in September: SHSA Keith GAGE, YNSR Mark POPHAM, BT3 Joseph MATHISON, MMFR Guadalupe ALDRIGHETTI, FTMC Bradford LAY, MMFN Victor HUERTA, and BT3 Michael ROCK.

We look forward to our forthcoming visit to Sasebo and the embarkation there of male relatives (fathers, sons, brothers) who will join us for the transit back to Yokosuka. Let me once again encourage you to keep your letters coming. We think of you often.

Sincerely,


J. F. SMITH, JR.
Captain, U. S. Navy