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Dear REEVES Families and Friends:

We have just completed our first liberty tour since overhaul. Pusan, Korea, was the port of call, and there was enough shopping and touring for everyone. To get to Pusan we sailed south around Kyushu and up through the strait of Tsushima.

While rounding Kyushu we encountered a rare and magnificent sight, a "tall ship." The portuguese ship "SAGRES", a three masted square rigger, was heading west under full sail. We altered course to pass close aboard for a few photographs. A quick conversation on the radio revealed that they were as impressed with a cruiser passing at 22 knots as we were with a tall sailing vessel at 6 knots. Quite a sight for all!

Several crewmembers spent Saturday, 13 November painting a recreation room and taking time to have fun with the 78 children of "Our Home" orphanage in Pusan. REEVES is a sort of co-sponsor of the orphanage, and we try to help each time we enter port. Organized by Chaplain (LT) James P. MORGAN, the crew helped load, move, and store charcoal "bricks" for heating, in addition to painting chores. As liberty came to an end, a call went out for leftover Won (the currency of South Korea) that crewmembers would no longer need. The response was warm and generous as more than \$100 was collected and turned over to the orphanage. The others who participated in the workday were LTJG Terry D. RAGAN, ENS Pat W. RYAN, DS2 Mark C. PLOWMAN, YN2 Joseph C. RODARTE, PC3 Michael L. HALL, FTG3 Scott B. KERR, BM3 Marty T. SETTLES, BT3 Steven N. TERRANO, AND JOSA Dale SNOWBERGER.

Our Baseline Overhaul officially ended October 31, and we unloaded missiles and other ammunition November 2 and 3. This means we are once again ready for operations. But before rejoining Battle Group Alfa with USS MIDWAY, we must go through a hectic training and testing schedule to ensure our many new crewmembers, as well as our older "salts" who haven't used their skills for a year, are ready and able to handle the tasks ahead.

Loading missiles is difficult, strenuous work demanding great skill and minute attention to detail. I am happy to report to you that our onload couldn't have gone smoother, thanks to our alert and conscientious Gunner's Mates. Aply led by LT Carl H. PEARSON, this special team of men handles every weapon onboard, from .45 caliber pistols to our new extended range guided missiles and their associated launch systems. It's a demanding and responsible job. GMMC Joseph B. BOHANNON is the leading Chief Petty Officer, followed by GMM1 James GUTIERREZ, GMM2 Jeffrey A. PROULX, GMM3 Kenneth F. SMITH, GMM3 Terry J. PRENTICE, GMM3 Robert E. ZELENKA, GMM3 John R. MASON, GMM3 Douglas A. UTLEY, GMM3 Shane R. GILBERT, GMMSN Christopher ARMSTRONG, and GMMSN Mark W. MCKIM.

USS REEVES is blessed to have men of real achievement on board. For the third straight month REEVES conducted an awards ceremony, the latest held on 31 October. Recognizing these achievers publicly is my favorite evolution. I take immense pleasure in announcing the following recipients:

*The Navy Achievement Medal to ENS Todd M. LARSON and DK1 David P. JUCO;

*The Defense Meritorious Service Medal to RM1 Howard P. GAREY;

*The Good Conduct Medal to DS2 Fred BUCKLEY III, BT2 Jay R. VILLALVA, DS3 Gregory J. THIELEN, FTM2 Michael G. HEPPERMAN (all first awards), ET1 Darrel M. OHR (second award), DK1 David P. JUCO (third award), FTMC Samuel E. MODISETTE (fourth award), and FTMC John H. EBEY (fifth award);

*Sailor of the Quarter Awards to BT2 Jay R. VILLALVA and PNSN Dennis E. LALLY;

*Meritorious Unit Commendation to FTGC John E. MENDENHALL;

*Letters of Commendations to MM1 Danilo F. GARDUNO, BT1 Augustine MENDOZA, QM3 Ronald E. RILEY, and STG2 Bradley M. MCADAM;

*Food Service Attendant of the Month (September) to SN Larry J. MITCHELL (galley), OSSA Michael W. SWENEY (CPO Mess), and SA Sei I. HATHORN (Wardroom);

*.45 Caliber Pistol Qualification Letters to LTJG Rowley A. MOLINA, ENS Christopher J. RONAN, and BM2 Brad W. BUTLER;

*Certificates of Completion to SN Gary L. SPANGLER, SN D. KENDRICK JR, SN Michael J. BETTS, and SA Ferdinand A. CARINO;

*Electronic Warfare "EW" Citation to EWC Denis W. SAUNDERS, EW2 William L. JACKSON, EW3 Bobby D. DAVIS, EW3 David A. BARTON, and EWSN Richard BROWN;

*Letters of Appreciation (athletics) to STGC William W. BRADFORD, QM1 Richard D. CONWAY, BT1 Augustine NMN MENDOZA (all for baseball), and MS2 John E. MAGERS (basket ball);

*Missile "E" Citations to GMMC Joseph B. BOHANNON, GMM1 James GUTIERREZ, GMM2 Jeffrey A. PROULX, GMM3 Kenneth F. SMITH, GMM3 Terry J. PRENTICE, GMM3 Robert E. ZELENKA, GMM3 John R. MASON, GMM3 Douglas A. UTLEY, GMM3 Shane R. GILBERT, GMMSN Christopher ARMSTRONG, FTMC John H. EBEY, FTMC Samuel E. MODISETTE, FTMC Bradford J. LAY, FTM1 Richard D. NASH, FTM1 Ruy B. HEIM, FTM1 Karl E. MAERZ, FTM2 Robert J. DAWES, FTM2 Darrell PALMITER, FTM2 Michael G. HEPPERMAN, FTM3 Elias T. RINGROSE, and FTM3 Romiel G. SINGHO;

*Letters of Appreciation (REEVES Honor Guard) to YN2 Kenneth W. ROBERTS, STG2 Darrell A. PETERS, MM3 Chet YOUNG, OS3 Carter I. FRANCIS, ET3 Byron V. BUSTAMANTE, EW3 David A. BARTON, OS3 Richard SLUBAR, GMT3 Robert CROUCH, DS3 Gregory J. THIELEN, GMMSN Mark W. MCKIM, EWSN Richard BROWN, SN D. KENDRICK Jr., SN D. D. DOMINGO, OSSA Bobby WALTERS, and OSSA Barry CROSS;

*Letters of Appreciation (Color Guard) to STG2 Paul W. CHISM, SN John W. ELLISON, TMSN John D. REA, and PNSN Dennis E. LALLY;

*Letter of Appreciation to QM3 Ronald E. RILEY for his performances with REEVES' Harmonizers choral ensemble and with another choral group onboard USS MIDWAY;

* Citation as Honor Graduate to IC2 Mark K. CLARK;

*Letter of Appreciation to OSSN Richard STONE for his duties with REEVES' Tile Team;

*Letters of Appreciation (Light Off Examination) to BTCM John W. ARMSTRONG, BTC Dennis D. KUMM, BT2 Jay R. VILLALVA, BT2 David N. ARNOLD, BT3 Thomas D. GROLL, MM2 John G. TRAVIS, and MM2 Elroy D. FREEMAN:

*Certificaties of Appointment to current rate (September) to MSC Robert J. TAYLOR, OS2 Joe R. CARDER, SH3 D. DATUIN, MM3 Noel A. MONTIFOLCA, MM3 Dennis S. ORLIKOWSKI, and TM3 David WADDEL;

*Certificates of Appointment to current rate (October) to OS2 Christopher A. LOCHMAN, ET2 Roger C. WALKUP, YN2 Kenneth W. ROBERTS, STG2 John A. HOWELL, and STG2 Darrell A. PETERS;

*Enlisted Surface Warfare Qualification (pin and letter) to BT1 Eliseo C. ARCEO.

Congratulations also to our new crew members who joined "The Only Crusier in Town" in October. They are FTGC John E. MENDENHALL, RMC Daniel B. SNODGRASS, EWC Cleo A. DOWNEY, MM2 Randal K. KNAPP, FTG3 David A. MATHIS, FTG3 Scott B. KERR, FTG3 David W. ZENGULIS, FTM3 Thomas J. CAIRNEY, FTM3 Michael R. POINSETT, FTM3 Stephen R. MARTIN, FTG3 Dennis L. DIBALA, FTM3 Newton F. FLETCHER, SN Rueben GRANT, OSSN John E. RICHARDSON, YNSN Timothy J. LEWIS, MMFN Alvin LEWIS, EWSN William A. CLACK, OSSN Jordan C. HAM, PNSA Guillermo PANGILINAN, OSSA Michael R. DEVILLIER, SR Ramon R. AYALA, MMFA Raymond D. BALINGIT, MMFA Terry B. BRINSKELLE, EWSA Scott E. BENDER, and FR Benjamin S. BROWN.

I would like to take a moment to urge you to communicate with your crewmember as much as possible in the months ahead. A rigorous schedule awaits us, and you can do your part by easing the loneliness at sea- especially since this is our first extended underway period in a year. I will encourage your loved ones on REEVES to write home, too.

As we sail, leagues of blue water beneath REEVES' keel and an unbroken horizon ahead, our thoughts and prayers go out to you.


J. G. WEBER