



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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Dear Family and Friends,

USS REEVES (CG-24) FAMILYGRAM

Happy Holidays from USS REEVES! As my last Familygram ended, we were in port Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, preparing REEVES for participation in a large scale maritime exercise called FLEETEX-85. We hauled in the lines and set sail on November 4th, faced not only with the complex operations of FLEETEX, but also with our longest at-sea period since pre-overhaul times, 32 straight days!

FLEETEX 85 began October 18th in the THIRD and SEVENTH Fleet areas of the Pacific Ocean and involved five U.S. Aircraft Carrier Battle Groups (built around the carriers USS MIDWAY, USS INDEPENDENCE, USS CARL VINSON, USS CONSTELLATION, and USS ENTERPRISE), an amphibious ready group, a surface combatant task group, the SEVENTH Fleet flag ship, Marine Corps aircraft, numerous Navy commands and staffs, and U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Air Force units. The exercise moved into the SEVENTH Fleet's (our) area of responsibility in mid-November, and believe me, we were busy! These joint operations are designed to exercise commanders, staffs, and forces in integrated battle force command and control, anti-air, anti-surface, and anti-submarine warfare. Units from the Canadian and Japanese Navies also participated in certain parts of the exercise. REEVES' primary focus was on the anti-air warfare phase of FLEETEX. The ship and crew more than met expectations, and I would like to thank the crew for their professional performance during this exercise.

Rear Admiral Howe, commander of the anti-air warfare portion of FLEETEX, had this to say: "The success of anti-air warfare teams was in large measure due to the responsiveness, combat readiness, and skill of our aircraft and missile ship crews, and the teamwork and determination of all players. Anti-air warfare assets can only be optimized through a total team effort. It has been a pleasure to be part of the first-class FLEETEX 85 team. Well Done. Smooth sailing, fair winds, a steady deck and continued good hunting."

Happy birthday and many more to the following individuals, who, thanks to SUPPLY DEPARTMENT, enjoyed steak and shrimp dinners in November: MSSN MIKE ARONOFFSKY; MMFN RODDY McCRITE; AGI MIKE McFARLAND; ETI(SW) DANIEL OHR; FTM2 PAUL McDONALD; OS2 LEE COLLINS; DS2 EDUARDO SOLIS; DSC TIM HOLDEN; EWC CLEO DOWNEY; and FTMC KARL MAERZ.

Congratulations to MS2 EFREN CAVA and his wife CAROLINA, who had a son, CARLO, on Sep. 2nd; FTMC KARL MAERZ and his wife MATSUE, who also had a son, DONALD, on Oct. 13th; and BTFN STEVEN HARLOW and his wife AURELIA, who had a daughter, STEPHANIE MARIA, on Nov. 24th.



Recently, I had the pleasure of presenting awards to the following individuals, and would like to take this opportunity to again congratulate them for their efforts:

SURFACE WARFARE OFFICER

LT DAVE SORANNO
LTJG HAROLD LALONDE

ENLISTED SURFACE WARFARE SPECIALIST

HMC FRED CATCOTT RMC HOWARD GAREY
OS1 MICHAEL POREDA OS2 BRAD BUTLER
OS2 LEE COLLINS

NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS

LT JULIAN TONNING LTJG EARL BRITT
GMT1 THOMAS PIERCE IC1 MARK CLARK
BT2 RICKY PATRICK

GOOD CONDUCT AWARDS

TM2 DONALD HARVEY ET2 ROGER WALKUP
GMM2 RONALD BATISTE YN2 ERIC WENZEL
GMM2 KENNETH SMITH EN3 SEGUNDO CRUZ
BT2 GARY WEBB GMM1 MICHAEL JOHNSON
OS2 JOE CARDER OS1 MICHAEL POREDA
OS2 LEE COLLINS MM2 BRENT KIRKLAND

SAILOR'S OF THE QUARTER

DK1 DAVID JUCO (SENIOR DIVISION)
FN BENJAMIN BROWN (JUNIOR DIVISION)

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

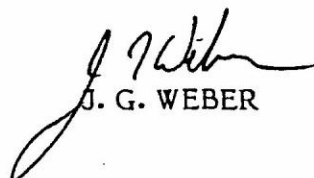
MSC ROBERT TAYLOR MS1 TEODORICO LIVERATO
GMMC JOSEPH BOHANNON GMM1 MICHAEL JOHNSON
GMM1 RICHARD WALLEY

I have a new second-in-command on board. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JIM WYLIE, recently from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., is in the process of relieving COMMANDER DENNIS LUNGHOFFER as Executive Officer. CDR Lunghofer will be going to work in Washington, D.C. for the office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

REEVES' 1984 CRUISEBOOK is well underway, under the direction of our Public Affairs Officer and Editor-In-Chief, LT SCOTTY FERGUSON, Editor JOURNALIST SEAMAN DALE SNOWBERGER, and Contributing Editor FIRE CONTROL TECH FIRST GARY BECKWITH. For our reservists who would like a copy, the price is \$15, for others, \$30. There's a very small supply left (just 50 books), so please get your orders in as soon as possible. Make checks payable to the Public Affairs Officer, Uss Reeves.

As I finish this letter, we are inport Pusan, Republic of Korea, taking advantage of the excellent Christmas shopping opportunities. It's definitely beginning to look like Christmas in our part of the world, with temperatures in the low 40's, and snow in the forecast. We expect to be pierside Yokosuka in mid-December, and are growing anxious to once again be with our families and friends during this special time of the year. It's been a long deployment and it will be nice to finally return home. I hope this season is filled with holiday cheer for all of you as we look forward to 1985. On behalf of the crew of REEVES, I would like to wish you all a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Sincerely,


J. G. WEBER