



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

IN REPLY REFER TO  
01 May 1982

Dear REEVES Families:

REEVES is once again "haze gray and underway." We are operating with the MIDWAY Battle Group in the Philippine Sea where our primary mission is to serve as the Anti-Air Warfare Commander for the Battle Group. Using our two large air-search radars, REEVES scans the skies to monitor air traffic in the area. With our air intercept controllers we control fighter aircraft launched from USS MIDWAY and with our own missile systems we provide an umbrella of protection for the main body of the Battle Group.

To bring you up to date on our recent activities following our participation in Team Spirit 1982, REEVES returned once again to Chinhae, South Korea, for a weapons inspection on 2 April. The Weapons Department repeated the superb performance of a month earlier by once again receiving an "Excellent" rating following the inspection. The Anti-Submarine Warfare Division, whose primary mission is anti-submarine detection and defense, is one of four divisions in the Weapons Department which made a significant contribution to the success of the inspection. The A/S Division team, led by ENS Paul MARTIN Division Officer and STGCS Michael HARDY, consists of STG1--Adrian FULLERTON, STG1 Stephen RUSSELL, STG3 Paul CHISM, STG3 Bradley MCADAM, STG2 John PUGLIESE, STG2 John ROCHE, STG3 Troy PETERS, STGSN David RICHARDSON, STGSN Jeffrey RIDGE, GMT3 Martin MCPHERSON, GMT2 Martin VEROSTEK, GMT3 Ronald WHEELER, TM2 George SCHNEIDER, TM3 Ralph QUATRANO, and TMSA Richard SCOTT.

Although busy with the inspection, crewmembers were able to enjoy a few days of liberty. Many attended the Cherry Blossom Festival which is held annually in Chinhae in early April. Over a hundred thousand people visit Chinhae from all over South Korea to celebrate the arrival of spring. REEVES anchored in the harbor, so the ship's utility boat (40 foot launch) was used to shuttle crewmembers back and forth to "the beach" for liberty, mail, and supplies. These shuttle runs demanded time, expert boat handling, and stamina against the cold and wet nights. The following individuals served as boat crews and are commended for their service to their shipmates: BM1 Gerald BARNETT, EN1 Gary SLETTERINK, EM1 Gerald BELLOWS, MM3 David TARANGO, BMSN Peter ANDROSHUK, MM3 Scott KONVALIN, SN Raymond BARKER, MM3 Emette MASSEY, SN Anthony ARTOLOZAGA, MM3 Jodi RODERICK, SN Brian CHORD, EN2 Ellis WARNER, SN John BOREN, SN Lonnie SCHUSTER, SN Ruben BROWN, BM3 Stephen LEGARD, BM3 Robert LANIER, BM3 Brad BUTLER, BM3 Keven LUTZ, BM2 Richard PETRIN, SN Wayne THOMAS, SN Luyis ROBAYO, BM3 Edgardo BIZOSO, and ENFN William MOGG.

On 7 April REEVES weighed anchor and headed toward Yokosuka. Following a two day transit via the Kammon Straits (also known as the Shimonoseki Straits), a narrow passage between the islands of Honshu and Kyushu, and the Japan Inland Sea, REEVES arrived home on Good Friday, 9 April. Many family members and friends were pierside to welcome us home.


Following an Easter/Passover weekend with families and friends, REEVES began an intense two week up-keep period with the outstanding assistance of the Ship's Repair Facility located in Yokosuka. Many people were involved with the Work Definition Conference to plan the repair and alteration jobs to be accomplished during REEVES' overhaul in Yokosuka planned to commence near the end of the year. After an all-too-brief two weeks at home, we said farewell to Yokosuka on 26 April, and steamed out to sea for an extended period with the MIDWAY Battle Group.

REEVES' Type Commander, COMNAVSURFPAC, recently announced the Departmental Excellence Awards for the competitive cycle beginning 01 July 1980 and ending 31 December 1981. For that period, REEVES won all eight departmental awards for which we were eligible. Those awards and the number of times that REEVES has won them consecutively are: Communications "C" (Fourth Award), CIC (Operations) "E" (Fourth Award), Missile "E" (Fourth Award), ASW "A" (Fourth Award), Engineering "E" (Second Award), Damage Control "DC" (Second Award), Supply "E" (First Award), and Electronic Warfare "EW" (First Award).

We extend a hearty "Welcome Aboard" to the following men who joined the REEVES in April: BTFN John RIFFLE, EW1 Steve SCHMIDT, BT3 Jay VILLALVA, BTFR Douglas BECK, BTFA William CLINK, GMMSA Shane GILBERT, STG3 Darrell PETERS, BTFR David REYES, STG3 John HOWELL, BM3 Marty SETTLES, EWSN David BARTON, HTFN Scotty LANE, SR Charles KENNEY, ENFN Segundo CRUZ, BTFA Alton EASLEY, SR William JONES, OSSR John ROPPA, MS1 Teodorico LIVERATO, RMSA Steven LLOYD, GMM3 Jeffery PROULX, FTMSN Joe WETHERELL, BTFA Anthony BERRY, BTFA Monte BLAKE, OSSR Christopher DEVINE, FR Richard LEACH, BTFR William PIQUIET, and ENS Rowley MOLINA (Main Propulsion Assistant).

It is my wish that you remember us in your thoughts and prayers as we remember you. Letters from home are always welcome, so continue to keep the mail lines open.

Sincerely,

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