



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS REEVES (CG-24)
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96677

IN REPLY REFER TO
01 July 1983

Dear REEVES Families:

Greetings from the Land of the Rising Sun. REEVES remains pierside in Yokosuka while the overhaul continues, but each day brings REEVES a little closer to completion and the crew is seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

Commander, U.S. Forces, Japan, selected REEVES along with three other Far East Commands to be the recipient of the 1982 Award of Excellence for Public Affairs. The award presentation was held on 9 June in Yokota and REEVES' Public Affairs Program, headed by Ensign Terry RAGAN, was cited for its freelance writers, the REEVES' Harmonizers choral ensemble, and a long list of community projects guided by Chaplain Paul TESKE. The REEVES' well balanced blend of internal and external information programs included interaction with two Japanese Self Defense Force sister ships, and food, repair and party projects for two orphanages. The combined efforts of REEVES' crew made this award possible and you can be very proud of your crewmember's contribution.

On 20 June, another major overhaul milestone was accomplished with the completion of the crew move-on (from the barracks back to the ship's berthing spaces) and the opening of the newly redecorated ship's Enlisted Dining Facility. The first hot meal in almost eight months was served to a hungry crew on 15 June. The opening day menu consisted of beef consomme, prime rib, baked potatoes with sour cream, natural gravy, buttered corn on the cob, green peas with mushrooms, hot dinner rolls, cherry pie ala mode and chocolate cake with butter cream icing. As if that was not enough, the menu went on to include turkey noodle soup, oven roast turkey, fluffy mashed potatoes, creamed turkey gravy, buttered broccoli spears, and savory bread dressing. The REEVES may not offer mom's cooking, but the men who work in the galley come mighty close. This illustrious group of galley gourmets is headed by MSCS Clyde BEAVER and consists of MS1 Robert TAYLOR, MS1 Reynaldo ALMAZAN, MS1 Teddoro LIVERATO, MS1 Victor ORDONEZ, MS2 Efren CAVA, MS2 John MAGERS, MS2 Warren POWELL, MS3 Michael ARONOFFSKY, MS3 Michael CLARK, MS3 Randy GLENNA, MS3 Jose MAESTAS, MS3 Gary L. SMITH, MS3 Howard SMITH, MSSN Anthony CAMPBELL, MSSN Gerald POTTER, MSSN Ernest SMITH, MSSN Kevin VICKMAN and MSSN Jeffrey DETTRE. You can be assured that these men are greatly appreciated for their dedicated service to REEVES.

A hearty "Welcome Aboard" is extended to the following men who joined REEVES in June: LT Bob RAWLINS (Electronic Material Officer), ENS Kevin VOSS (Assistant Supply Officer), STGC William BRADFORD, MS1 Victor ORDONEZ, MM1 Aubry CLARK, FTM3 Stuart GREENBERG, BT3 Broderick LANG, BT3 William KEETON, Jr, BT3 Christopher KELLER, GMMSN Mark MCKIM, MMFN Jerry CARTER, EMFA John WALSH, BTFA Ricky GILBERT, BTFA Ivory ELIJAH, BTFA Randell WIGGINS and SR Roger DRAKE.

Let me state in closing that your letters and calls provide support and comfort. We may be an ocean removed, but our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. F. Smith, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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