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**COMMAND HISTORY
OF
USS REEVES (CG-24)
1986**

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**SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 1986
USS REEVES (CG-24)**

01 JAN Moored inport Yokosuka, Japan
02 JAN Commander Seventh Fleet ship visit
06 JAN Underway preparations begin
14 JAN One day anchorage for ammunitions handling
16 JAN Shift berths
17 JAN Embark REEVES Reservists
17 JAN Underway
18 JAN BUSY CUSTOMER VULEX
20 JAN Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
22 JAN Moored inport Subic Bay, R.P.
23 JAN Advancement/awards ceremony
24 JAN Commander Naval Surface Force Pacific Fleet ship visit
25 JAN Project Handclasp visit to Shepherd of the Hills Orphanage, San Miguel, R.P.
30 JAN Underway
01 FEB MISSILEX 86-1
03 FEB TORPEX 86-1
06 FEB TOWEX w/ USNS CATAWBA (T-ATF 168), astern refueling w/ OVERSEAS ALICE
19 FEB Pass-in-review for Thai officials embarked in USS MIDWAY (CV-41)
20 FEB Anchored Phattaya Beach, Thailand
27 FEB Underway
08 MAR Commence TEAM SPIRIT 86
11 MAR Moored inport Pusan, R.O.K.
13 MAR Project Handclasp visit
15 MAR Underway to continue Team Spirit 86
23 MAR Complete TEAM SPIRIT 86
25 MAR Inport Sasebo, Japan
28 MAR Underway
29 MAR Awards ceremony
30 MAR Moored inport Yokosuka, Japan
07 APR Tiger Cruise preparations
08 APR Underway for TIGER CRUISE 86-1
10 APR Anchored Kagoshima, Japan
14 APR Underway
16 APR Moored inport Yokosuka, Japan
23 APR Command security inspection
24 APR Advancement/frocking ceremony
05 MAY Underway one day for pre-INSURV ship checks
12 MAY Commence INSURV inspection
13 MAY Underway Material Inspection
16 MAY Complete INSURV
27 MAY Royal Thai Army ship visit
30 MAY Underway
02 JUN Moored inport Sasebo, Japan
06 JUN Underway

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08 JUN Commence KENNEL FREELANCE 86-1
20 JUN Complete KENNEL FREELANCE 86-1
22 JUN Moored inport Yokosuka, Japan
27 JUN LCDR ██████████ assumes duties as Executive Officer
27 JUN Sister ship picnic w/ crew of JDS ASAKAZI
01 JUL Commence TRE
04 JUL Independence Day
14 JUL Commence MTT Phase I
21 JUL Complete MTT Phase I
21 JUL Underway
27 JUL Moored inport Subic Bay, R.P.
29 JUL Commence REFTRA
30 JUL MISSILEX 86-2
06 AUG TOWEX w/ USNS CATAWBA (T-ATF 168), astern refueling w/ OVERSEAS ALICE
08 AUG Mass conflagration drill
08 AUG Complete REFTRA
08 AUG Underway for surveillance operations
18 AUG Moored inport Yokosuka, Japan for typhoon evasion
22 AUG Underway
25 AUG Link w/ units of Royal Australian Navy in Subic OPAREA
26 AUG Commence MULTIPLEX
28 AUG Complete MULTIPLEX
29 AUG Moored inport Subic Bay, R.P.
01 SEP Labor Day
07 SEP Commence DNSI
09 SEP Complete DNSI
09 SEP REEVES wins Battle Efficiency Award for 1985-86 competitive cycle
10 SEP Commence MTT Phase II
11 SEP Underway
11 SEP COPE THUNDER 86-7
14 SEP Complete MTT Phase II
15 SEP Moored inport Pusan, R.O.K.
19 SEP Underway
22 SEP Embark CTF 70
22 SEP Commence ANNUALEX 61G
29 SEP Complete ANNUALEX 61G
29 SEP Disembark CTF 70
30 SEP Moored inport Yokosuka, Japan
30 SEP Commence shipboard upkeep period for PRC visit
30 OCT Underway
31 OCT Moored inport Sasebo, Japan
02 NOV Embark CINCPACFLT
03 NOV Underway
05 NOV Moored inport Qing Dao, People's Republic of China, Pier 3
11 NOV Underway
15 NOV Moored to buoy, Hong Kong, BCC
19 NOV Underway
23 NOV Moored inport Yokosuka, Japan
27 NOV Thanksgiving Day

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09 DEC VADM Davis, RADM Richardson visit
10 DEC Underway USS MIDWAY (CV-41) escort
13 DEC Moored inport Yokosuka, Japan
17 DEC Commence 3-M inspection
19 DEC Complete 3-M inspection
20 DEC Kobo Cottage children Christmas visit
20 DEC Commence holiday leave and stand down period
25 DEC Christmas Day
31 DEC New Year's Eve

NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR THE YEAR 1986
USS REEVES (CG-24)

The New Year found USS REEVES (CG-24) and her crew in her homeport of Yokosuka, Japan celebrating the holidays before one of her busiest and historic years to date. During 1986, REEVES spent 222 days out of homeport, had 13 major inspections/graded drills - including REFTRA and INSURV - and participated in seven military exercises. REEVES visited seven foreign ports including Hong Kong, BCC; Kagoshima, Japan; Sasebo, Japan; Pusan, Republic of Korea; Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines; Phattaya Beach, Thailand; and was the first U.S. Navy ship to visit the People's Republic of China in over 37 years.

On 2 January, Commander Seventh Fleet, Vice Admiral Paul F. MCCARTHY Jr. visited and found the ship ready to undertake any mission. The first portion of the month was dedicated to preparations for the upcoming Battle Group Alfa deployment which began 17 January with REEVES assuming her normal duties as anti-air warfare commander. Arriving at Subic Bay on 22 January, REEVES continued her deployment preparations, receiving a visit from VADM George W. DAVIS, Commander Naval Surface Force Pacific. After looking at numerous spaces within the ship, VADM DAVIS judged REEVES to be equal to her reputation. A Project Handclasp visit to the Shepherd of the Hills Orphanage in San Miguel, R.P. was organized by the Chaplain for 25 January. This was one of several community relations projects undertaken during the year by REEVES' crewmembers.

REEVES was underway again on 30 January with Battle Group Alfa for a transit to Phattaya Beach, Thailand. On 01 February, REEVES fired two SM-1 missiles, scoring kills against radio controlled drones. Two days later, she successfully fired an anti-submarine rocket (ASROC) and a Mark 46 torpedo. REEVES joined the USNS CATAWBA (T-ATF 168) on 06 February for a tow and be towed exercise in the morning, followed by an astern refueling exercise with the MSC tanker OVERSEAS ALICE in the afternoon.

The Operations Specialists of CIC were able to refine their air tracking skills for several days beginning 17 February as Battle Group Alfa began a transit past the coast of the Republic of Vietnam. On 19 February, REEVES participated in a precision pass-in-review for Thai military and government officials embarked in USS MIDWAY (CV-41). On 20 February, REEVES anchored in Phattaya Beach, Thailand to give her crew a chance to relax in one of the best liberty ports in the Western Pacific.

On the morning of 08 March, REEVES and Battle Group Alfa were underway again, heading north to participate in TEAM SPIRIT 86 with elements of the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps., and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Korea. REEVES moored in port Pusan, R.O.K. on 11 March for upkeep and liberty before leaving again on 15 March to continue TEAM SPIRIT. While in Pusan, the Chaplain organize another Project Handclasp visit. On 23 March, TEAM SPIRIT was completed and the battle group turned south, headed for Sasebo, Japan, mooring on 25 March for four days of upkeep.

REEVES returned to homeport on 30 March. On 08 April, REEVES embarked 25 sons of REEVES sailors for a Tiger Cruise that would take them to Kagoshima, Japan. During the two day transit, the Tigers were given instruction in the use of small arms, fired the M-60 and .50 caliber machine guns, were given lessons on ship handling, shown the Combat Information Center and shown an underway refueling. After anchoring in the bay of Kagoshima on 10 April, all hands were given liberty to explore this beautiful Japanese port city. REEVES weighed anchor on 14 April and returned to Yokosuka on 16 April, with the Tigers anxious to pass along the sea stories they had accumulated while underway.

Command security inspection was held on 23 April, with the ship receiving a passing grade in all areas. On 05 May, the Ironmen were underway for a day of extensive self-tests prior to INSURV. INSURV began on the morning of 12 May, with the Underway Material Inspection commencing on the 13th. For the next four days REEVES was scrutinized by the keen eye of the inspectors in communications, shipboard sanitation, aviation, JP-5 systems, damage control equipment, navigation, combat systems, air services check, structural, PMS, and engineering plant checks. On 16 May, INSURV was completed with the Board of Inspection praising the ship's cleanliness and declaring her ready in all respects for underway operations.

Due to an overhaul period for USS MIDWAY (CV-41), REEVES spent much of 1986 steaming independently. Leaving Yokosuka on 30 May, REEVES moored in Sasebo, Japan on 02 June expecting a follow on trip to Chin Hae and Cheju Do, Korea. Instead, Soviet exercises drew her north on 06 June. Taking station in the vicinity of the Soviet port of Vladivostok, REEVES spent thirteen days monitoring Soviet Naval operations. Leaving the chill weather of the Northern Pacific in her wake, REEVES returned to Yokosuka on 22 June. On 27 June, LCDR [REDACTED] relieved CDR James M. WYLIE as Executive Officer. Also on 27 June, crewmembers of REEVES and her sister ship, JDS ASAKAZI gathered for a picnic. MTT Phase I began on 14 July in which the COMNAVSURFPAC Mobile Training Team provided REEVES with assistance in the areas of engineering casualty control, safety programs, and engineering administration and training. On 21 July, MTT Phase I was completed and REEVES headed south to Subic Bay Naval Base to begin Refresher Training.

The purpose of REFTRA was to evaluate and improve the combat organization and readiness of the ship. REEVES underwent an exhaustive series of drills imposed by Fleet Training Group Western Pacific from 29 July, when REFTRA commenced, until its conclusion on 08 August. Among the areas of scrutiny were: deck seamanship, damage control, electronics casualty control, NBC warfare preparedness, first aid procedures, and ship control. REEVES successfully completed REFTRA on 30 July with a score of satisfactory to outstanding in all areas. While underway for REFTRA, an SM-1 surface-to-air missile was successfully launched against a radio controlled drone. On 06 August, another tow/be towed exercise was conducted with USNS CATAWBA (T-ATF 168), followed by an astern refueling with OVERSEAS ALICE.

Upon entering port on 08 August, REEVES was given eleven hours to get underway to cover surveillance requirements of a major Soviet exercise. Steaming at speeds in excess of 20 knots, REEVES once again found herself off the Soviet port of Vladivostok. Never missing a beat, REEVES completed her tasking, made a brief stop in Yokosuka for storm evasion and then successfully evaded three typhoons to arrive in the Subic OPAREAS on 25 August for MULTIPLEX, an exercise involving units of the U.S. Navy and Royal Australian Navy.

REEVES moored in Subic Bay on 29 August for upkeep. The Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection commenced on 07 September and was completed on 09 September with a passing grade in all areas. Also on 09 September, REEVES received word that she had earned the Commander, Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific Battle "E", beating out USS STERRETT (CG-31) and USS WORDEN (CG-18) in overall battle readiness. REEVES, in addition, made a clean sweep of the departmental awards: gold Engineering 'E' signifying the fifth consecutive award, the green CIC 'E' for the eighth consecutive award, the communications green 'C', the white missile 'E', the white electronics warfare 'EW', the supply blue 'E', the red damage control 'DC', and the white anti-submarine warfare 'A'.

Getting underway on 11 September with members of COMNAVSURFPAC Mobile Training Team, REEVES completed MTT Phase II. Also on 11 September, REEVES participated in COPE THUNDER 86-7, a joint exercise with the U.S. Navy and Air Force. On 15

September, the Ironmen arrived in Pusan, R.O.K. for upkeep and liberty. Getting underway on 19 September, REEVES headed east of Japan with USS RANGER (CV-61) and Battle Group ECHO to link with units of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force for ANNUALEX 61G, a combined anti-submarine exercise. On 22 September, the same day ANNUALEX began, REEVES embarked RADM Dennis M. BROOKS, Commander Carrier Strike Force Seventh Fleet.

Beginning on 30 September, REEVES began preparation for the most momentous cruise of her history: the port visit to Qing Dao, the People's Republic of China, with ADM James A. LYONS, CINCPACFLT, embarked. From 30 September to 28 October, the entire ship was stripped, primed, and painted both outside and in; new non-skid was laid on all weather decks; new tile was laid in almost every deck and passageway on the first below deck; all interior spaces were completely cleaned; the messdecks, CPO mess, and wardroom were redecorated; and a large canvas tent was fitted to cover the entire fantail. With USS OLDENDORF (DD-972) and USS RENTZ (FFG-46), REEVES was to visit a country that had last seen American ships in 1949. The "China Squadron" was soon to make history.

The first leg of the journey was to Sasebo, Japan, where REEVES became the flagship for Commander-in-Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet, Admiral James A. LYONS Jr. Also while in Sasebo, 30 members of the Marine Honor Guard from the Marine Barracks, Yokosuka, and the CINCPACFLT Band were embarked. The "China Squadron" left Sasebo on 02 November for the three day transit to China.

Early on the morning of 05 November REEVES began the transit into Qing Dao Harbor. A 21-gun salute was exchanged with our Chinese hosts as REEVES crewmembers manned the rails. At 0905 REEVES moored at Pier 3, Qing Dao, PRC, the first ship to visit the area since the USS DIXIE (AD-14) evacuated the last American personnel there in 1949. The next six days proved to be exciting for all involved as it came time to explore this new port. Trips had been arranged to Peking and the Great Wall, as well as tours to local areas, including the Tsingtao brewery and Shandong Oceanographic Institute. Cultural events, and performances of the Chinese National Acrobatic troupe were also attended. Sailors from the U.S. Navy ships challenged their Chinese counterparts to basketball and soccer matches which proved to be interesting to both participants and spectators alike. Ships from both navies were opened for tours and the U.S. Navy sponsored technical lectures for Chinese Naval officers and civilian educators on subjects ranging from engineering plants to shipboard training. ADM LYONS used REEVES and her fantail tent to host members of the Chinese Peoples Liberation Army/Navy and members of the American and Chinese diplomatic corps. Two days prior to getting underway, the American ships were open for general touring by civilians and in two days 6,972 Chinese visited REEVES. As the "China Squadron" slipped away from their berths on the morning of 11 November, all hands knew that they had been instrumental in effecting a new diplomatic link with the People's Republic of China.

After transitting through the Taiwan Straits, REEVES moored to a buoy in Hong Kong harbor on 15 November for a four day port visit. Crewmembers took advantage of Hong Kong's unsurpassed shopping and sightseeing prior to getting underway on 19 November 1986. After an exceptionally rough passage, REEVES moored in Yokosuka on 23 November in time for Thanksgiving. On 09 December, VADM DAVIS and RADM RICHARDSON presented Capt. CHAPPELL with the Battle Efficiency Award and the Blue 'R' for Retention.

REEVES served as escort for USS MIDWAY (CV-41) from 10-13 December and then returned to Yokosuka for her last inspection of the year when a 3-M inspection team came onboard from 17 through 19 December. This inspection resulted in the highest score for Damage Control maintenance the inspection team had ever witnessed. Maintenance in all departments was held to be outstanding.

To have been a crewmember of USS REEVES during 1986 was to have been part of something truly remarkable. With each month and each new challenge, REEVES and her crewmembers again and again proved their mettle. At short notice and with minimal time to prepare, REEVES steamed thousands of miles and invested countless manhours of work to meet her commitments. She served with equal effectiveness as a surveillance platform and as flagship for the highest ranking officer in the Pacific Fleet. REEVES continues to steam and will always meet her commitments, but, REEVES crewmembers will always be able to point to 1986 as an extraordinary year in the record of an extraordinary ship.

USS REEVES Command Composition and Organization

The Guided Missile Cruiser REEVES is named in honor of Admiral Joseph M. REEVES (1872-1948) whose naval career spanned 52 years and three wars. Throughout these years of dedicated service, Admiral REEVES held many positions of significant leadership and responsibility, including Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet from 1934-1936.

USS REEVES was commissioned on 15 May 1964 as a Guided Missile Frigate and designated DLG 24. In 1969, she was decommissioned for installation of a sophisticated electronics package to enhance her anti-airwarfare capabilities. REEVES was recommissioned on 29 August 1970. On 1 July 1975, REEVES was redesignated a Guided Missile Cruiser (CG 24) and is the last ship of nine LEAHY class guided missile cruisers.

REEVES immediate operational commander is Commander, Naval Surface Group Western Pacific (COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC), Rear Admiral D. C. Richardson. Captain George C. Chappell and Captain William D. Center served as REEVES Commanding Officers during 1987. REEVES is homeported in Yokosuka, Japan under the Overseas Family Residency Program.

**COMMANDING OFFICERS
OF
USS REEVES (CG-24)**


Captain Wynne A. STEVENS Jr.	May 64 - Jul 65
Captain Ralph S. WENTWORTH	Jul 65 - Aug 66
Captain Gordon R. HOPWOOD	Aug 66 - Feb 68
Capatain Wilton L. ATKINSON	Feb 68 - Apr 69
Captain William S. MAYER	Aug 70 - May 72
Captain Lee BAGGETT Jr.	May 72 - Nov 73
Captain Richard K. FONTAINE	Nov 73 - Jan 75
Captain Jerry A. DICKMAN	Jan 75 - Apr 77
Captain Ming E. CHANG	Apr 77 - Jun 79
Capatin James W. EGERTON	Jun 79 - Aug 81
Capatin Jerome F. SMITH	Aug 81 - Aug 83
Captain James G. WEBER	Aug 83 - Dec 85
Captain George C. CHAPPELL	Dec 85 - Present

Captain George C. Chappell
Commanding Officer

Captain George C. Chappell was born in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara, entered OCS, and was commissioned an Ensign in May, 1961.

His tours at sea include duty as Damage Control Assistant in USS GUADALUPE (AO 32), Executive Officer in USS LIPAN (ATF 85) and USS VIGOR (MSO 473), Engineering Officer in USS WITEK (DD 848) and USS LUCE (DDG 38), Executive Officer in USS JOHN S. McCAIN (DDG 36), and Commanding Officer, USS DECATUR (DDG 31) and USS HECTOR (AR 7). He assumed command of USS REEVES (CG 24) on 6 December 1985.

Captain Chappell's shore assignments included tours such as student, Naval Post Graduate School; Engineering Instructor, Naval Destroyer School; Officer in Charge, Surface Warfare School Detachment, Coronado, California; and Senior Member, CINCPACFLT Propulsion Examining Board.



Enclosure (1)