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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 fifty-two years and three wars. Throughout those 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 15 May 1964 as a Guided Missile Frigate (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, Rear Admiral G. L. Chesbrough. Captain William D. Center and CAPT David H. McKinley commanded REEVES during 1989. REEVES is forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan under the Overseas Family Residency Program.

ENCLOSURE(1)

Captain William D. Center
United States Navy

Captain Bill Center was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1945. He attended high school and college in Los Angeles, California prior to entering the United States Naval Academy. Following graduation and commissioning in 1968, he was assigned to USS HENRY W. TUCKER (DD 875), forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. After attending Destroyer School in 1970, he served as Chief Engineer in USS GURKE (DD 783), a unit of DESRON FIFTEEN during the squadron's initial deployment to Japan. In December 1972, he assumed command of USS EXPLOIT (MSO 440). That tour was followed by assignment as Executive Officer in USS BLANDY (DD 943). He was awarded a Master of Public Administration Degree by the University of Washington in 1978 and was subsequently assigned as Chief Staff Officer, Destroyer Squadron Thirty-Three. He served in the Strategic Concepts Group (OP-603), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, from April 1980 through March 1982. In August 1982, he assumed command of USS MEYERKORD (FF 1058). Following that assignment, Captain Center served for three years as Engineer Officer in USS MIDWAY (CV 41). In November 1987, he assumed command of USS REEVES (CG 24).

Captain Center has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal (with combat "V"), the Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star in lieu of second award), and the Navy Commendation Medal. [REDACTED]

Captain David H. McKinley
United States Navy

Captain David H. McKinley was born in Aurora, Missouri in 1943. Captain McKinley was graduated in June 1964 from the University of Washington with a BA in Political Science (International Relations) and commissioned Ensign, USN through the NROTC program. His initial two year tour was served in USS HOOPER (DE 1026) as Communication Officer and included two deployments to the Western Pacific. Following graduation from Destroyer School, Newport, Rhode Island in March 1967, he served as Weapons Officer in USS BRINKLEY BASS (DD 887), also with two deployments to the Western Pacific. Captain McKinley reported to Commander-in-Chief, Pacific at Camp Smith, Hawaii in May 1969 for duty as Assistant Officer-in-Charge and Operations Officer of the CINCPAC Communications Center for one year before becoming Aide and Administrative Assistant to the CINCPAC Deputy Chief of Staff (J-03).

Beginning in August 1971, Captain McKinley studied at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California in the Ordnance Engineering curriculum, culminating in June 1974 in his being awarded the degree Master of Science in Electrical Engineering. He then served as Combat System Officer for the recommissioning of USS MAHAN (DDG 42), including a deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. In August 1976, Captain McKinley attended the Command and Staff Course of the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island where he graduated "With Highest Distinction". Following a tour as Executive Officer, USS BUCHANAN (DDG 14) from October 1977 to May 1979, he was assigned duties at OPNAV, Washington, DC until June 1982 as Head, Combat Direction Systems Section for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) (OP-03) with additional duties as Head, Communications Section in OP-03.

Captain McKinley commanded USS ROBISON (DDG 12) from January 1983 to July 1985, a tour which included deployments to the Western Pacific, Central America, and the Persian Gulf. In August 1985 Captain McKinley assumed duties as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, Readiness and Training and subsequently as Chief of Staff for Commander, Naval Surface Group Western Pacific (CTF 73/CTF 75). In November 1986, he embarked in REEVES functioning as Staff Operations Officer for the U.S. Navy ship visit to Qingdao, Peoples' Republic of China, the first such visit since 1949. Captain McKinley assumed command of REEVES 27 October 1989 from his assignment on the Board of Inspection and Survey in Washington, DC where he had served as Senior Combat Systems Member and Senior Member of the Surface Board from October 1987 to July 1989.

Decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit with gold star, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement medal with combat "V", and various service and campaign medals and ribbons. Captain McKinley was designated a Material Professional in 1985 and is a proven subspecialist in both Weapons System Engineering and Electrical Engineering.

USS REEVES 1989 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JAN - 20 JAN	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
20 JAN - 21 JAN	ANCHORED, YOKOSUKA OUTER HARBOR (AMMO ONLOAD)
21 JAN - 31 JAN	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS EN ROUTE SUBIC BAY
28 JAN	REEVES SELECTED BY COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE GROUP WESTERN PACIFIC FOR SECOND YEAR AS MOST OUTSTANDING SHIP IN REPORTING OVERPRICED PARTS--OVER 1 MILLION DOLLARS SAVED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS
31 JAN - 16 FEB	IN PORT SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
1 FEB - 3 FEB	MOBILE TRAINING TEAM ASSIST VISIT
7 FEB	PROJECT HANDCLASP: CULIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
11 FEB	PROJECT HANDCLASP: CULIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
14 FEB - 16 FEB	COMMAND INSPECTION
18 FEB - 23 FEB	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS EN ROUTE YOKOSUKA
23 FEB - 27 FEB	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
27 FEB - 6 MAR	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS EN ROUTE PUSAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA
6 MAR - 8 MAR	IN PORT PUSAN
8 MAR - 28 MAR	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS (EXERCISE TEAM SPIRIT '89)
28 MAR - 3 APR	IN PORT, HONG KONG
3 APR - 8 APR	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS
8 APR - 13 APR	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
13 APR - 15 APR	OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT EXAMINATION
13 APR - 14 APR	UNDERWAY FOR OPPE
14 APR - 15 MAY	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
27 APR	KINNICK HIGH SCHOOL CAREER DAY VISIT
3 MAY - 5 MAY	INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SURVEY TEAM VISIT
15 MAY	UNDERWAY EN ROUTE SHIMODA/DEPENDENTS CRUISE
15 MAY - 19 MAY	IN PORT SHIMODA (BLACK SHIP FESTIVAL)
19 MAY	UNDERWAY EN ROUTE YOKOSUKA
19 MAY - 31 MAY	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
25 MAY	JAPANESE AIR SELF DEFENSE FORCE FIRST WING VISIT
26 MAY	ST. MARY'S SCHOOL VISIT
30 MAY - 6 SEP	MIDSHIPMEN TRAINING
31 MAY - 14 JUN	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS
10 JUN	SAFETY STANDDOWN
14 JUN - 19 JUN	IN PORT SUBIC BAY
19 JUN - 30 JUN	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS
26 JUN	REFUGEE RESCUE
30 JUN - 5 JUL	IN PORT PATTAYA BEACH, THAILAND
5 JUL - 12 JUL	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS
12 JUL - 20 JUL	IN PORT SUBIC BAY
17 JUL	AVIATION ASSIST VISIT
20 JUL - 25 JUL	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS
24 JUL	SURFACE SHIP PASS IN REVIEW
25 JUL - 23 AUG	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
7 AUG - 9 AUG	SUPPLY MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT
7 AUG - 31 AUG	PACE COURSES (FUNCTIONAL SKILLS)
23 AUG - 25 AUG	UNDERWAY, EN ROUTE SASEBO
25 AUG - 28 AUG	IN PORT SASEBO (PORT FESTIVAL)
28 AUG - 30 AUG	UNDERWAY, EN ROUTE YOKOSUKA
30 AUG - 2 SEP	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
2 SEP - 5 SEP	UNDERWAY, EN ROUTE SUBIC BAY

5 SEP - 7 SEP	IN PORT SUBIC BAY
7 SEP - 12 SEP	UNDERWAY EN ROUTE RDVU WITH BATTLE GROUP ALFA
9 SEP	CROSSING THE LINE CEREMONY
12 SEP	RDVU WITH BATTLE GROUP ALFA
12 SEP - 15 SEP	BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS
15 SEP	CHOP TO COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE MIDDLE EAST
24 SEP	EN ROUTE BAHRAIN
25 SEP	TRANSIT STRAIT OF HORMUZ/SET CONDITION 1A
26 SEP - 1 OCT	ANCHORED SITRAH, BAHRAIN
1 OCT - 2 OCT	UNDERWAY, EN ROUTE STRAIT OF HORMUZ EASTERN PATROL AREA
3 OCT - 11 OCT	STRAIT OF HORMUZ EASTERN PATROL AREA PATROL
4 OCT	EXCHANGE OPS WITH HMS SHEFFIELD AND RFA BAYLEAF
5 OCT - 11 OCT	EARNEST WILL ESCORT
11 OCT - 17 OCT	EN ROUTE MOMBASA, KENYA AND RDVU WITH BATTLE GROUP ALFA
17 OCT - 21 OCT	IN PORT MOMBASA
21 OCT - 26 OCT	UNDERWAY EN ROUTE DIEGO GARCIA
27 OCT	CHANGE OF COMMAND
28 OCT - 31 OCT	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA WEAPONS WEEK
28 OCT	TORPEDO EXERCISE
30 OCT	SAM MISSILE EXERCISE
30 OCT	FLARE EXERCISE--BOMBING INCIDENT
31 OCT - 3 NOV	IN PORT DIEGO GARCIA--SHIP'S FORCE REPAIRS VIRTUALLY ALL DAMAGE; AWARDED COMNAVSURFPAC SELF-SUFFICIENCY SHIP OF THE WEEK AWARD
3 NOV - 10 NOV	UNDERWAY, EN ROUTE WESTERN AUSTRALIA
10 NOV - 17 NOV	INPORT HMAS STIRLING, WESTERN AUSTRALIA
17 NOV - 26 NOV	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS EN ROUTE SUBIC BAY
24 NOV	CROSSING THE LINE CEREMONY
26 NOV - 30 NOV	IN PORT SUBIC BAY
29 NOV	PROJECT HANDCLASP-JIREH CHILDREN'S HOME, ZAMBALES, RP
30 NOV - 7 DEC	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA/FOXTROT CONTINGENCY OPS
8 DEC - 11 DEC	UNDERWAY, BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS EN ROUTE YOKOSUKA
11 DEC - 31 DEC	IN PORT YOKOSUKA, HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD
17 DEC	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
18 DEC - 21 DEC	PRE-OVERHAUL, TEST, AND INSPECTION ADVANCE TEAM VISIT
29 DEC	COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC PERSONNEL QUALIFICATION STANDARDS INSPECTION

USS REEVES 1989 Narrative History

Early in January, REEVES was given a surprise Material Management and Maintenance (3-M) Inspection which resulted in a 94.4% accomplishment rate, a 94.1% confidence factor, and an overall score of 89%. Departing Yokosuka in mid-January, the ship joined Battle Group ALFA for ten days of local operations. In port Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, REEVES successfully completed a Mobile Training Team Assist Visit and an ISIC Command Inspection.

REEVES returned to Yokosuka briefly at the end of February before participating in Exercise Team Spirit 1989. The joint U.S. Navy/Republic of Korea exercise was preceded by a brief port visit to Pusan at the beginning of March and followed by a week long stay in Hong Kong in late March/early April. Returning to Yokosuka in April, the ship completed a rigorous Operational Propulsion Plant Re-Examination (OPPRE). The senior member specifically commended the Engineering Casualty Control Training Team for its ability to self-train and the Main Space Fire Doctrine as the "best" he had seen. He further praised them as models for other forward deployed ships to emulate.

On 11 May, over 400 Ironmen and guests celebrated REEVES 25th birthday at a "Spring Fling" gala. Four days later, on the silver anniversary of her commissioning, REEVES and USS COCHRANE (DDG 21) visited Shimoda, Japan as part of the 50th Annual Black Ship Festival. The week long festival commemorated the 150th anniversary of Commodore Perry's trade agreement which opened the doors of Japan to the U.S. and the West.

In early Summer, REEVES participated in local Battle Group operations with port calls in Subic Bay, RP and Pattaya Beach, Thailand. While transiting the South China Sea en route to Thailand on 26 June, REEVES encountered a small Vietnamese refugee boat containing forty-one refugees. Upon determining it was unsafe for them to continue their voyage, they were embarked in REEVES. The crew set up a seagoing refugee camp in the after missile house and donated clothing, money, and time to assist the travelers. The refugees were transferred to Thai and United Nations authorities after arrival in Pattaya Beach.

In late August, REEVES visited Sasebo, Japan to help celebrate that port city's festival. The visit ended abruptly, however, when REEVES was called on to make an unexpected deployment. REEVES returned to Yokosuka for three days, then rejoined Battle Group ALFA in early September in the Indian Ocean. During the deployment, she made an unprecedented third trip to the Persian Gulf since Earnest Will operations began, for two weeks of patrol and escort duties in support of Operation Earnest Will. After departing the Gulf, she sailed to Mombasa, Kenya for a brief port visit with the rest of the battle group. CAPT David H. McKinley reported on board in Kenya and relieved CAPT William D. Center as Commanding Officer, USS REEVES in a ceremony held in port Diego Garcia on 27 October.

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Three days later, while participating in a "Weapons Week" night flare-bombing exercise, REEVES was mistaken for the target and was struck by a bomb from an F/A-18 aircraft from USS MIDWAY (CV 41). Damage included a five foot diameter hole fifteen feet aft of the bullnose, loss of the centerline anchor, shrapnel damage topside, and five minor personnel injuries due to shrapnel and concussion from the blast. There was no damage to the hull, and the ship returned to Diego Garcia the morning of 31 October for initial damage investigation and temporary repairs. During the next three days and with no outside assistance, REEVES restored virtually every system to full operability and was ready to rejoin Battle Group Alfa as a full member. For these efforts, REEVES was nominated for and was awarded COMNAVSURFPAC self-sufficiency ship of the week.

On 3 November, REEVES departed Diego Garcia in company with USS SAN JOSE (AFS 7) to rejoin Battle Group ALFA en route Western Australia. REEVES spent her week in Western Australia moored at HMAS Stirling, a naval base forty-five kilometers south of Perth. That location allowed damage assessment teams to visit the ship with minimal interference from outsiders. The teams were impressed with the crew's ability to restore vital combat systems equipment by making temporary repairs without assistance.

REEVES departed Australia in mid-November with the battle group to begin the long trek homeward. After a four day port visit to Subic Bay at the end of the month, Battle Group ALFA joined Battle Group FOXTROT (USS ENTERPRISE's battle group) for joint operations. Battle Force exercises were ended by contingency operations necessitated by an attempted coup in the Philippines. The ships were released from their MODLOC positions on 8 December as the political climate cooled off. REEVES returned to Yokosuka the morning of 11 December and began her holiday, leave, and upkeep period.