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FPO San Francisco 96677

Re: Official Ombudsman Newsletter

Greetings to all USS REEVES families!

We are starting a new chapter in the history of the USS REEVES, and on behalf of Capt. and Mrs. Egerton, LCDR and Mrs. Salinas, Chaplain and Mrs. Winslow, and us three ombudsmen, may I say we are proud to be a part of the USS REEVES team.

We would like to meet you and get to know everyone a little better. Here is a little bit about us.

Hi! My name is Sherry Ebey. I am one of your ombudsmen. My husband John is in Fox Division. We have two daughters. Hope is 11 years old and Faith is 9 years old. We are one of the families who cross-decked from the USS Worden. We have been in Japan for 10 months and love it. We are still living off base, but hopefully by the first of the year we will be on base. I am a teacher's aid for one of the Kindergarten classes at The Sullivans School. I work from 8:00 to 11:00 in the morning so if you have any questions, or if you just want someone to talk to, I should be home by 1:00 p.m. on most days. If you can't get me the first time, keep calling. Feel free to call any time day or night. My phone number is (0468) 75-6651. My address for anyone who wants to write is D.M.S., P. O. Box 1753, FPO Seattle, WA 98762. I'm waiting to hear from everyone.

Hi! My name is Patti Stalion, and I'm one of the new ombudsmen for the USS REEVES. My husband is a Gunners' Mate, and we have been on the REEVES since 1977. I'm looking forward to meeting all of the wives, and I'll welcome your calls. My telephone number is (0468) 75-2605; my mailing address is D.M.S., P. O. Box 866, FPO Seattle, WA 98762.

Hi! I'm Mary Barnette. My husband is also a Gunners' Mate. We have two boys; Jason is 8 and Jeremy is 6. We arrived in Japan on August 5 and are now living in Zushi. We reported on board the REEVES in October 1979 and are presently scheduled to leave in November of 1982. Our travels have taken us from California to Japan in 1970, New Mexico, back to California, on to Hawaii, and now back to Japan. We like it here very much. Our phone number is (0468) 73-6418. Please call anytime, mad or glad. Our D.M.S. Box No. is 875 for those of you who wish to write; FPO Seattle, WA 98762.

If you have some information from which all wives could benefit, please call, and I will incorporate it in the next newsletter.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....You may have your phone number listed in the base phone directory even if you live off base. Due to crank calls, you may request not to list your husband's Command in the directory.

The cheapest way to talk to relatives back home is to call collect. This is because in Japan you are billed from the minute the operator begins to work on your call, and the exchange rate from yen to dollars charged to your bill fluctuates drastically. If your call arrives from midnight Saturday to midnight Sunday at the place you are calling TO, the rates are cheapest. Also, most areas in the States served by Ma Bell can direct dial to Japan at a substantial savings - particularly during the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. local U.S. time

zones. To call Yokosuka Base from the States requires dialing the Overseas Operator (011), the Country Code for Japan (81), Tokyo Area Code (0468), and the Base Operator (26-1911). Also you might advise those calling you to call person-to-person because the cost is only a couple of dollars more for the first three minutes, and after that the rate every two minutes is the same as for station-to-station calls. If they do call station-to-station and you are not home, they still must pay the bill because once the base operator answers, the call has been completed as far as Ma Bell is concerned.

To call Yokohama Base Operator relatives in the States would call 011-81-045-641-2122, and ask for your extension.

To call someone living off-base, State-side relatives and friends would call 011-81-0468-(six digit home phone no.). For example to call my phone from the States, the number would be 011-81-0468-73-6418. Station-to-station calls would be fine in this case.

The Base Fire Department has fire extinguishers available for off-base homes. Go to the Fire Department's Fire Prevention Office between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Monday thru Friday to receive one.

At department stores you can purchase "acceptable" fire fighting equipment called SANKAKU BAKETSU (3-sided buckets). A specially designed compartment holds back some of the water so that water comes out repeatedly for five or six throws. The covers come off when the water is thrown. The unique shape of these stackable buckets enables homemakers to stack them neatly into corners while enabling firefighters to carry two buckets in each hand. Imagine how great these buckets are when hand watering your flower garden or washing the car.

For a 90-day trial period you may send your letters to be mailed to school by your child. The box will be placed outside at the NW corner of D Street and 2nd Avenue nearest H-37. If this proves to be of value to enough dependents, it may become a permanent arrangement, and then so many wives won't

have to make that daily trip to base just to mail their letters to their husbands at sea.

Those of you who will be making an order from a mail-order catalogue, remember you just have to pay postage from the warehouse to Seattle, and if the warehouse is in Oakland, it would be cheaper to pay local postage to San Francisco and have the goods shipped to the Ship address (assuming, of course, that the ship will be in port when you expect your order to arrive). However, due to the current world situation, this practice would be extremely risky.

If you are a new arrival in Japan and have not yet taken the ICR classes at HRMD, please do sign up right away. They are highly recommended. If you put this off, you will lose a really valuable experience. They will give you a little of that badly needed confidence to test the world outside the gate that looks so scary at first. Also contact HRMD for maps and directions to almost anywhere in the Kanto Plain area. They are the greatest when it comes to orienting the newcomer, or the old-timer who wants to explore a little of Japan on her own. Call HRMD at 5886/5887, or go by their offices on the west side of the Hospital Compound.

HRMD will hold ICR classes in Yokohama if 15-20 people will sign up. If you are interested, please call Lori Wicket at 232-4753.

For swift and sure arrival of your letters and packages to arrive at the ship, be sure to plainly mark all mail items with "INTER-AREA" or "INTER-ISLAND" or a new clerk may make the mistake of misdirecting your mail..

A great big THANK YOU goes to the Yokosuka Officers Wives Club SHIMBUN editor for allowing us to reprint some articles which appeared in the September 1980 issue.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!** There is sometimes a need for emergency child care and for short term shelter for children and troubled teenagers. If you are willing to help out occasionally, please contact Chaplain Hathaway at the Base Chapel, 234-6773.

Yokohama Girl Scouts are in need of a neighborhood chairman. Please contact Lori Wicket at 232-4753.

The Ombudsman Council is in need of an Ombudsman Coordinator. You must be an Officer's wife to apply. Please contact Joan McBride at 234-4517 for more information.

**TOUR!!! TOUR!!! TOUR!!!**

WHO? . . . . . All Reeves wives  
WHERE? . . . . . China Pete's  
WHEN? . . . . . Saturday, 18 Oct., 7:30 a.m.-?  
WHAT? . . . . . China, glassware, pottery  
COST? . . . . . \$7.00 per person

We need a minimum of 15 reservations by Monday, Oct. 13. If 25 or more sign up, the cost will only be \$6.00 so if you have not yet been contacted by your call tree person, and you would like to go, please call Paula Salinas at 234-3325 **TODAY!!**

I will be writing a "Getting To Know You" segment telling a little bit about two or three families in each newsletter. It will be interesting to learn more about each of us so get a paragraph ready, and I will be calling you!

**DON'T FORGET** to come to the Chapel Social Hall for a Pot Luck dinner **IN OUR HONOR** on Monday, October 13, given by the Desron 15 wives to welcome us and the USS REEVES to Japan. It's a holiday so everyone should be able to come and bring your children. Child care, playground, and nursery facilities are provided for a nominal donation of \$1.00. The time is 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. **Y'all come and JOIN THE FUN!!!** You should

have been contacted by an ombudsman for this by now. We have to have a head count by Friday, Oct. 13. If you do not have a phone, please contact one of us as soon as possible so we can include you in the count.

RE-ENTRY STAMP: I know this is being repetitive, but anyone who does not have a current re-entry stamp in your passport for multiple entry into the country of Japan should get it right away. There is no exception to this rule. There are only two places to get re-entry stamps put on; they are Building G-110 and the American Embassy in Tokyo. You cannot get this stamp at Yokota or Narita. Your Passport as originally issued is for one entry only. It only takes about five minutes to get a re-entry stamp put in the passport at G-110. DO IT NOW!

We wish to convey to the families that the Family Ombudsman program is a sincere effort and that we are genuinely interested in your thoughts and well-being. We hope you find the program satisfactory to your needs. We welcome your comments and recommendations. Thank you for your support and continuing interest.

Sincerely,

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