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Chit Chat with the Executive Officer

Underway as before! This edition of *Shore Ties* is being read while HARRIET LANE and her crew are out executing all assigned missions.

Since the last edition of HARRIET LANE, the cutter and crew have experienced significant change. Over \$1.6 million was invested into HARRIET LANE in an effort to keep her capable of performing all assigned tasking for years to come. Many members of the crew were able to seek out professional growth opportunities or use some well earned leave during the 55-day dry dock availability. I would like to use this forum to thank my Department Heads and the Chiefs Mess for assisting me with maximizing crewmembers time spent at home. Your help was very much appreciated!

The Dependents Cruise was a hit by all accounts. I saw a lot of smiles while walking around the ship. I am glad we were able to coordinate the event. We had nearly 100 guests on board that Sunday. I would like to thank the Galley Team for putting out a fine spread of food for the guests, and thank the Supply Shop for coordinating the transportation back to Portsmouth. Together, they made a great day even better.

For a good number of people on board, this will be their last patrol. So far, we have already said goodbye to Brad VanHorn, Matt Brazzel, Josh Owens, and Eric Dittenhafer. We wish them all the best, as they move onto their new assignments. By the end of the patrol, we will say goodbye to even more folks. By August, nearly 35% of the crew will have departed.

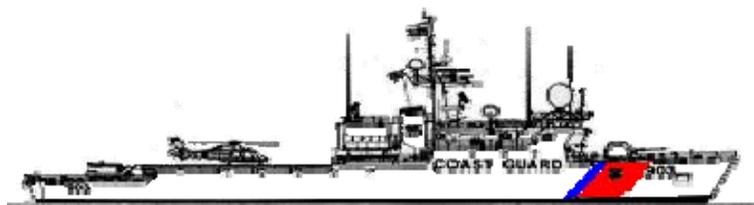
Prior to crossing the brow one final time, we allow crewmembers to share their final, parting thoughts with the crew. Consistently, I note with deep pride the amount of folks that comment on the sense of family and community that exists on board. In truth, men and women that serve at sea have two families. There is the natural, biological family that we leave behind at our house, but there is also family number two – members of that family live right here on board. Together, we accomplish a lot professionally, but also personally. Study groups exist all around the ship, as nearly 30 crewmembers study for their major exam coming up the first week of May. People are quizzing each other and reviewing notes from past exams – all in an effort to perform well as a group, not as individuals. It truly is impressive to observe the deep loyalty that exists on board. For everyone taking the Service Wide Exam, I wish you all the best.

With about five weeks remaining, we still have a lot to accomplish. Your HARRIET LANE crewmembers are not only working hard to support our missions, but they are also working hard to prepare HARRIET LANE for future patrols. All around the ship, a great deal of things take place to prepare the cutter for the future: preventive maintenance is completed to ensure equipment is capable of operating at 100%; small boats are launched to train people to support future boat missions; and interior painting projects are being conducted to preserve our great reputation of having a clean looking ship. This is a hard working crew, and I am proud of them.



More in a couple weeks!

Finally to my wife and daughter – I love you both very much!



Chief's Call

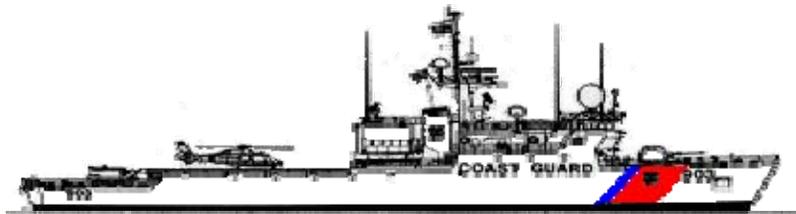
After a very successful dry dock, it is nice to have the entire HARRIET LANE crew back safely on board!

The start of this patrol coordinated perfectly with the beginning of the Coast Guard's annual Spotlight on Leadership. The theme of this year's month-long campaign was: *Personal Accountability with Change*. During the course of each week, we investigated one of the Coast Guard's 28 Leadership Competencies as it applied to the theme. Posters, inspirational quotations, and trivia games were employed in an effort to make it both fun and thought-provoking. The Chiefs also invited one or more crew members to join them for lunch on hamburger Wednesdays for what was affectionately dubbed "Facilitation over Burgers"! Hopefully everyone had a little fun and learned something new about leadership along the way.

Congratulations to BM1 Dawson on his selection as HARRIET LANE's Sailor of the Year for 2009. In addition to Petty Officer Dawson's exemplary leadership, professional knowledge and devotion to duty, his record of selfless community service made him highly deserving of this distinction. His nomination has been forwarded to the office of the Command Master Chief of the Fifth Coast Guard District for consideration as the Fifth District's Enlisted Person of the Year. In mid-March, Petty Officer Dawson and his wife Shannon represented the Coast Guard and HARRIET LANE at the Surface Navy Association's Sailor of the Year reception. The Captain and I had the privilege of accompanying BM1 and Shannon to the afternoon reception held at Naval Station Norfolk. The food was excellent and this event represented a truly unique opportunity to be amongst so many outstanding seagoing professionals.

Congratulations are also in order for DC3 Cornelius for being selected as HARRIET LANE's Sailor of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2010. Upon reporting aboard in mid-December, Petty Officer Cornelius hit the ground running. He has demonstrated superb technical knowledge, a tremendous sense of pride in all of his work, and a selfless desire to share his knowledge with HARRIET LANE shipmates. In just a few short months, DC3 Cornelius has made a significant and lasting impact on the cutter and its crew.

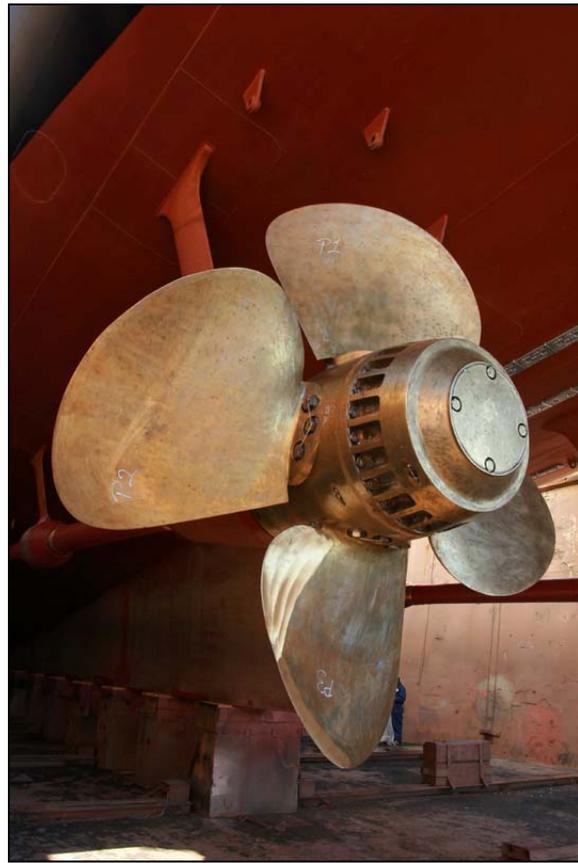
Before I sign off for the final time, I would like to thank the Captain and crew of HARRIET LANE for the distinct honor and privilege of serving as their Command Chief. It has been the highlight of my Coast Guard career and an experience I will never forget.



Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more.
- Anthony Robbins

Members of the Mess

- *FSSC Kipp Rice
- *MKC David Noel
- *BMC Chad Kiser
- *MKC Tom Daniels
- *OSC Aaron Presson
- *EMC Daniel Webster
- *OSC Josh Tidey
- *OSC Rob Miller
- *OSC Jeremy Gaylord
- *ETC Patrick Petty



During the January-March dry dock period in Jacksonville, your HARRIET LANE sailors helped complete 35 large work-item projects in addition to numerous other improvements which could only be made while out of the water. For example: The entire underwater portion of the cutter was blasted, primed, and painted with 5 coats of special underwater paint. The rudders, propellers, and propeller shafts were all taken off and serviced, with each propeller being 9 feet in diameter! It was a very productive time for us, and one that will hopefully help continue the great mechanical tradition that HARRIET LANE currently possesses.

DRY DOCK

Getting Underway with our Friends and Family!



Playing corn hole on the flight deck.



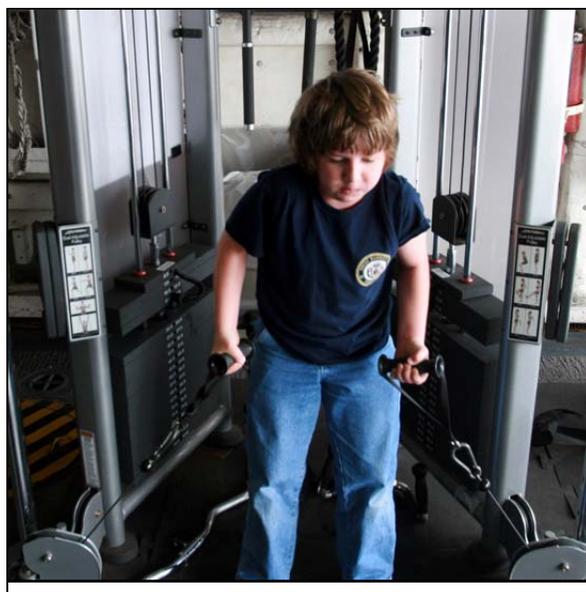
Damage Control First Class James Birdwell shows his daughter, Meagan, what standing lookout is all about!



Food Service Specialist Senior Chief Kipp Rice with his daughter on the Flight Deck.



Electronics Technician First Class Chris Mosquera and his son Nathan.



Chief Machinery Technician Tom Daniel's son, Tanner, takes after his father in the weight room.



Machinery Technician First Class Shawn Dillman's daughter on the Flight Deck.

.50 Caliber Gun Exercise



Captain, the Executive Officer and Boatswain's Mate First Class James Dawson observe the gun shoot from the Bridge wing.



Waiting to shoot...



Look at that shot!



Yeoman Third Class Tyler Pepin gets dressed out for the gun shoot.



Gunner's Mate Second Class Chad Clafshenkel poses with the target showing his loyalty to Team Jacob.



Gunner's Mate Second Class Chad Clafshenkel, Seaman Information Technician Shawn Blackwelder, Maritime Enforcement Specialist Third Class Taylor Huttenloch, Yeoman Third Class Tyler Pepin, Storekeeper Third Class Alex Dahlmeyer and Seaman Cade Stombaugh are our gunners.

Flight Operations



Practicing hooking up nets to the bottom of the helicopter in order to hoist supplies.



Hoisting



A few of our Landing Signal Officers discussing their plans for the next hoist. Ensign Jeannie Crump, Yeoman Third Class Tyler Pepin and Boatswain's Mate Second Class Rico Tyler.



Most of Deck Department has received their qualification as Helicopter Tie Down Members which run under the blades before launching and after landing to tie the helicopter to the deck.

We are lucky to have a great Aviation Detachment from Jacksonville that will be with us throughout the entire patrol. They have been a great asset to have in helping us conduct our missions. The Aviation Detachment consists of Lieutenant Commander Kelly Fouch, Lieutenant Marcus Canady, Aviation Electronics Technician First Class Michael Pharr, Aviation Electronics Technician Second Class Sam Hiles, Aviation Maintenance Technician Third Class Adnan Zjajo and Aviation Maintenance Technician Third Class Robin Graham.

Favorite Hat Day



Seaman Apprentice Joel Brosius and Seaman Nicholas Morle show off their sweet hats while on the evening lookout watch.



Machinery Technician First Class Johnny Bowles and Electronics Technician First Class Mike Trumbo pose for a picture in their favorite hats.



Gunner's Mate First Class Joshua Jaques shows off his pride and joy!



As always, Lieutenant Junior Grade Caleb McWaters keeps us all entertained.



The Former and Current Morale Officers display their favorite hats during watch.

Engine Performance Testing



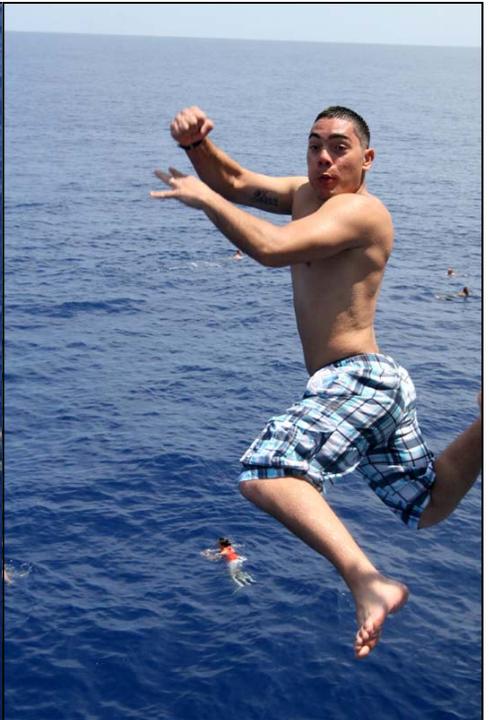
Main Propulsion personnel conducting engine performance testing in the engine room as part of the Diesel Engine Maintenance Program. In a hot engine room of over 100 degrees, Main Prop personnel take combustion firing pressure readings to all 32 cylinders between two Main Diesel Engines. Many other data readings are recorded as well during a two hour period. All this while running at Handle Position 9.5. The Diesel Engine Maintenance Program is a clear snapshot of current engine performance and is graphed out and used to analyze trends of component failures before they happen.



Swim Call



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Kayaking in Bonaire



Thanks to Ensign Charlotte Delorey's planning, many crewmembers had the opportunity to kayak through Bonaire's famous mangroves. The tour lasted approximately two hours and everyone that participated was given a snorkel and had the chance to swim around with all of the native fish.

Above: Storekeeper Third Class Alex Dahlmeyer, Senior Chief Kipp Rice, Seaman Derrick Madieros, Yeoman Third Class Tyler Pepin, Food Service Specialist Second Class Andrew Masi, Seaman Nicholas Morle and Seaman Daniel Harding all enjoyed a day in the sun kayaking!



Above: Kayak instructor showing off the Mangroves to XO and Senior Chief Kipp Rice.



Left: CO and XO share a kayak on their tour through the Mangroves.

A Day in Bonaire



The Wardroom had the opportunity to dine at a local restaurant, Richard's, owned by the son of two Coast Guard Auxilarists. It was absolutely delicious and we are so grateful for his hospitality!

HARRIET LANE was moored up right downtown. Everyone always had eyes on the ship no matter where you went in town.



A common sight as we drove around the city.

Sailor of the Quarter

20 April 2010

From: Commandant
To: DC3 Mika J. Cornelius , USCG
Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty while assigned to USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903) during the period 01 January through 31 March 2010. After only two weeks onboard, you addressed several Damage Control issues, including: reorganizing the Damage Control Petty Officer (DCPO) program; suggesting and fabricating a hybrid wrench to streamline investigator emergency response actions; and completing watertight integrity checks on every fitting onboard CGC HARRIET LANE. Your actions instantly upgraded the material condition of the cutter. At the start of the January-March 2010 dry dock availability, you disassembled, cleaned, polished, and rebuilt all 20 vari-nozzles. By taking personal ownership for the damage control equipment placed in your charge, you guaranteed the flawless operation of each nozzle in the event of an actual fire. You also completed several high-profile welding assignments while in dry dock, including: a kick-pipe mount and outlet support on the Fantail; brackets for the Fantail floodlights; and the fabrication and installation of handles on the newly acquired trash can receptacle on the Mess Deck. Your expert craftsmanship resulted in the quality completion of several longstanding work items. During the two day period of 22-23 March 2010, you were selected to oversee the annual inspection and repair of all Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses. Your attention to detail was commended by the retired Damage Control Master Chiefs conducting the inspection, and your efforts directly resulted in an excellent report, ensuring 100% damage control readiness. Finally, throughout this three month period, you devoted time to help educate newly reported personnel in basic and advanced DC PQS principles. You offered training sessions, demonstrated the operation of equipment onboard, and conducted ship familiarization training to new shipmates - resulting in a more knowledgeable and capable crew onboard CGC HARRIET LANE. You have been a superb example to your shipmates, and your accomplishments have helped yield the *Desired Effect*.

You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar.

For the Commandant,
J. C. VANN
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Commanding Officer, USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903)





Fireman Benjamin Tarbox and Fireman Apprentice Eric Dittenhafer receive their Sea Service Ribbons.



Machinery Technician First Class Grant Boyette receives his Cutterman's Pin.



Seaman Josh Owens receives his departing award before heading off to Boatswain's Mate A- School. Good Luck Josh!



Machinery Technician Second Class Matt Brazzel receives his departing award. Good luck at your next unit Matt!



Chief Operations Specialist Jeremy Gaylord receives a Good Conduct Award.



Electricians Mate First Class Brad Van Horn receives a Coast Guard Achievement Medal before he departs for Afloat Training Group Norfolk. Good luck Brad!

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Mid-Patrol Shoutouts

Dawn,
Aprils are a big month for us.
Happy 31st Birthday and Happy 7th Anniversary.
Kyliana,
Daddy loves you baby girl. I'll come home as soon as I can.
Be good for Mommy.
I love you both. xoxoxoxoxoMWAH!!!

To the rest of the fam, Happy Belated Easter! Love ya, Jay

Congratulations on a successful Boston Marathon Mike! Your Bro

Go Tigers, Lady Tigers, Tiny Tigers, Ripcurl, Tidal Waves, Storm, Fusion and Lady Titans! You make me proud every time you step on the field. Your biggest fan, Dad

Happy Mothers Day to the three most amazing moms I know! Mom - thanks for a lifetime of love and support. Judy - thank you for always making me feel like one of your Mikes! Darlene - the girls and I are so incredibly lucky to have you. I hope you all have a wonderful day! All my love, Jay

To My Dear Lisa

Thank you for the best Seven years any man could ask for. You are the love of my life. Happy Anniversary Baby, I just wish I could be there with you.
With all my love, Aaron

Vanessa: Thank you for the sacrifices you have made for our family by letting me cut holes in the ocean. I hope to make this all up to you someday. My thoughts and prayers are with you everyday. I am with you in spirit during all your appointments. See you soon. Love, Me.

Alyssa: I love you, Alley. I hope school is going great. Are piano lessons exciting? I bet you are doing wonderful! Rock your violin during the concert so loud that I can hear you where we are at! Pretty soon we will be able to go play golf and ice skating. I am proud of you. Love, Daddy

Mom and Dad: I hope you had a great time during the Dependent's Cruise! It was great having you. This is what I call home when I am away from home. Of course, there is nothing like home in NC or VA!!! See you when we trek across country this summer. Love, Jason

Happy Anniversary Court, I wish that I could be there. Love you and miss you so much. -Jeremy

Hi Mom, Dad, Erin and Alli!! I hope all is well back in California! I can't wait to see you in June!
Love, Jeannie

To my BFFF- thinking about you, out on the big blue.

My Little Wife, I love you, be home soon, thirty something days and a wakeup!!!

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY PATI!!! Don't do anything I wouldn't do... don't do anything I would do... and don't do anything you would do either.

Brandan and Zack, can't you all just get along?!!!

Love you all, see you soon!!!

Mid-Patrol Shoutouts

To my wife, Nichole, and mother of our two great kids; HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

To my wonderful wife Nichole of 17 years; HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! I love and miss you! -- Love always, your hubby, Joel.

To Michaela and Buddy, I am looking forward to getting home soon again and spending time with you. I love you both very much and miss you lots. -- Love the DaD.

Dear Fillion Family,

Love all of you heaps! You are the best! Thank you for all of the support over the past year and half. This has been an incredible journey and I feel blessed to have had your support throughout! Can't wait to see you in June!

XOXOXO,
Paula Marie

Hey girls, I'm more than halfway through the patrol. I'll be home before you know it. Make sure you take care of your mommy on Mother's Day; she certainly deserves it. I miss you all and can't wait to see you with your new earrings. Love ya'll! -Kelly Fouch

Mom and Pops, looking at the moon everyday! Have a great spring! Happy Mother's Day Mommy! Love you both!
-Monze

Happy Birthday Hanna! I am so glad that you and Mike are back and I can't wait to have a sister reunion...it's been too long!

Francesca! You are probably the cutest new mother I have ever met! Take care of JAWS for me!

Natalie, I am sorry I'll miss your graduation and your prom, I still remember you helping me get ready for mine! Hopefully I'll see you this summer to hear all about it!

Mom and Dad, you're awesome. Thanks for listening and acting interested in my stories! Love you always!

Candice,

My last patrol is almost over! Thanks for putting up with everything for the last 9 months. It has been the best year of my life! I love you!!!!

Danny

Mom,

I like our ski boat better than this one. I miss you! Love, Zach

Felicia,

Happy anniversary!! I love you so much! Miss you! Love, Wes

Hey Liz,

Miss you very much! Can't wait to see you love you very much! Kisses and hugs!

-Tony a.k.a Hey

Wifey,

Thanks for spending nearly a half million dollars while I was gone on patrol. Looking forward to a double mortgage!

-Husband

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO
MADE THIS ISSUE POSSIBLE

YN3 Pepin
BM3 Baker

PORT CALL
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It's good luck to get pooped on by a bird, right?



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USCGC HARRIET LANE is a multi-mission Coast Guard cutter, responsible for a variety of Coast Guard missions, including: Search and Rescue, Enforcement of Laws and Treaties, Maritime Defense, and Protection of the Marine Environment. The versatility of the Famous class cutter makes it a very cost effective platform in carrying out national objectives.

HARRIET LANE's modern command, control, and communications capabilities, including satellite communications, make the cutter an important asset for long range offshore missions. HARRIET LANE can effectively coordinate the efforts of multiple ships and aircraft while conducting missions over large areas of ocean.