

# USCGC RESOLUTE WMEC 620

ST PETERSBURG, FL

## DEPARTMENTS

**Operations Department** - The Operations Department is concerned with the execution of the Coast Guard missions, primarily Search and Rescue, Counter-drug Law Enforcement, Homeland Security and Alien Migration Interdiction Operations. OPS is responsible for the command and control of the ship, which involves the ship's weapons and communications systems and the supporting elements. The Operations Department is segmented into three divisions: Navigation, Weapons, and Communications. Each division is responsible for the operation and efficient functioning of the cutter.

**Operations Department Head: *LT Benjamin T. Yahle***

LT Ben Yahle graduated from the US Coast Guard Academy in May 2011 when he reported to USCGC MOHAWK out of Key West, Florida as a Deck Watch Officer. Following that tour, he then transferred to USCGC SHERMAN out of San Diego, California, becoming the Weapons Officer aboard the 378' Cutter. As his third consecutive afloat tour, LT Yahle arrived to RESOLUTE and assumed responsibility as "OPS" for the unit.

**Engineering Department** - The Engineering Department's motto, "Superior Operational Performance through Engineering Excellence," is the heart and soul of RESOLUTE's continued outstanding reputation for meeting all operational commitments. Whether repairing and maintaining the propulsion equipment or the extensive array of habitability equipment to keep the crew's quality of life outstanding, the Engineers onboard always have some project in the works. The Engineers are also responsible for all DC and electrical equipment throughout the ship. Not only do they "make the ship go," they also contribute by providing Boarding Team Members, smallboat crew members, and security details in efforts to support operational missions.

**Engineering Department Head: *LCDR John J. Carter***

**Deck Department** - Deck has a multifaceted mission onboard, responsible for the operation of the small boats, the completion of all hull maintenance, and the participation in all flight operations. "Deckies" are the experts in marlinespike and seamanship, standing underway helm, lookout, and Boatswain's Mate of the Watch duties while underway. Deck Department personnel also participate in Law Enforcement Boardings and complete daily shipboard clean-ups as well as the prepping, priming, and painting of needed areas. They are considered some of the most adaptable personnel onboard who are capable of completing a multitude of operational jobs at a moment's notice.

**Deck Department Head: *LTJG Joseph H. Kelly***

LTJG Joe Kelly hails from Omaha, Nebraska and graduated the Coast Guard Academy in May 2015 reporting to RESOLUTE as a Deck Watch Officer and as the Weapons Officer. In April 2016 he assumed responsibility of Deck Department Head, or "First Lieutenant." He is also a Boarding Officer onboard and contributes to the law enforcement mission.

**Support Department** - Support serves as the unit support group with health care, food service, parts and supplies management, procurement, and personnel administration. The Supply, Food Service, Administration, and Health Service Divisions are under the Support Department Head. They actively plan, organize, and ensure the unit has the tools and supplies needed to succeed regarding operations, inspections, and non-operational periods.

**Support Department Head: *LTJG Michael V. Spadafino***

LTJG Mike Spadafino began his Coast Guard career as an enlisted member aboard USCGC MELLON out of Seattle, WA in 2005. He then reported to Coast Guard Sector San Diego as a Yeoman before doing follow-on tours on the USCGC JUNIPER out of Newport, RI and another stint at Sector San Diego. LTJG Spadafino then graduated from Officer Candidate School in May 2015 before reporting to RESOLUTE as a Deck Watch Officer. He now serves as Support Department Head, or "SUPPO" aboard the unit.

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