



# Lil' Shade Tree

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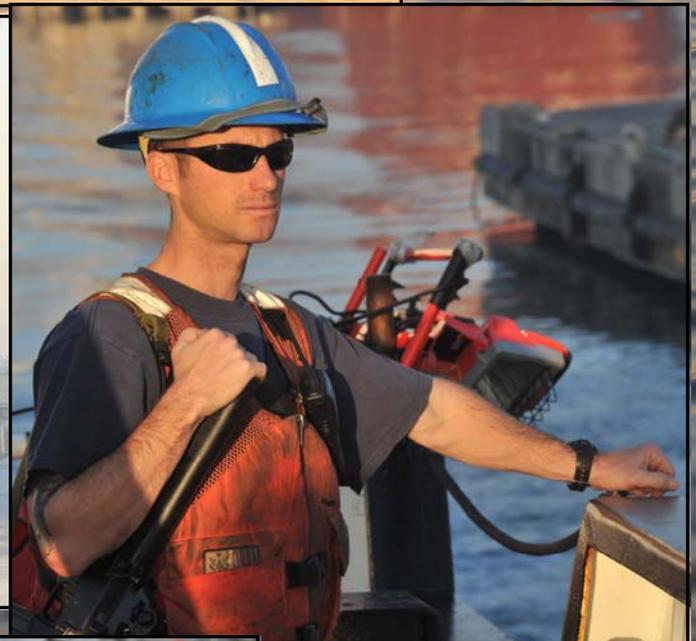




*Left:* Coast Guard and Navy vessels from around the world fill the Port Au Prince Harbor to support relief efforts.

*Lower left:* Extreme damage can be seen all around the area as OAK moors to the Main Terminal Pier. OAK was the first U.S. Military vessel to moor on the pier since the earthquake.

*Right:* BM2 Frantz keeps a watchful eye during mooring; armed & ready.



*Left:* BM3 Gonzales serves as OAK's main Spanish translator for media interviews. The first day on scene- between CDR Glander, BM3 Gonzales, and ENS Radcliffe- OAK was featured around the world on media outlets including:

- ABC National News
- Associated Press
- The Rachel Maddow Show- MSNBC
- Reuters
- France 24
- Univision
- The Japan Daily Newspaper- Tokyo
- The Navy Times
- MSNBC's Rachel Maddow Show



*Above:* Surprise! A Blackhawk Helicopter snuck up behind OAK and landed directly behind the ship on our port quarter. Joint Operations between multiple government and military branches keeps air traffic buzzing overhead.

*Below:* BM3 Bessant and BM3 Thompson work alongside Haitian Relief workers to off load critical medical supplies into small boats. Once loaded, materials are immediately shuttled to the medical staging area of Killick Base—a UN/ U.S./Haitian Coast Guard area of operations.





*Top Left:* FS1 Tabor dons all the proper protective equipment before getting immersed in a full day's work of treating earthquake victims.

*Top Right:* Multi-unit medical response teams carry critically injured victims to small boats which ferry them to ships for intensive treatment.

*Bottom:* DC3 Croteau distributes water bottles to families in need around the Killick Base medical treatment grounds.

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