

CHANGE OF COMMAND

USCGC GALLATIN

(WHEC-721)



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CHANGE OF COMMAND TRADITION

The Change of Command Ceremony is a time-honored product of the rich heritage of naval tradition. It is a custom wholly naval, without an equivalent counterpart in the Army or Air Force. Custom has established that this ceremony be formal and impressive - designed to strengthen the respect for authority which is vital to any military organization. Parading all hands at quarters and public reading of official orders stems from those days when movement of mail and persons was a very slow process. The procedure was designed to ensure that only duly authorized officers held command and that all aboard were aware of an order's authenticity.

The heart of the ceremony is the formal reading of official orders by the relieving officer and the officer to be relieved. Command passes upon utterance by the relieving officer, "I relieve you, sir!" the officer relieved responds "I stand relieved!" This simple procedure is duplicated hundreds of times daily throughout the navies of the world as each watch officer passes responsibility to his relief in the conduct of the ship's routine.

The strength and success of today's Coast Guard stems in large measure from the observance of customs and traditions each founded on need, each contributing its share to stability, mission effectiveness and smooth transfer of authority. This simple ceremony passing authority and responsibility to yet another fine officer, reflects the dedication of free men and women serving their nation proudly.

Many of the traditions recognized in today's Coast Guard are descendants from the early British Royal Navy. These traditions are customs which have prevailed in the years since then. Some have become law. A short-lived attempt after World War II to do away with some of the time-honored customs conducive to smartness and discipline fortunately did not prevail. The highest praise that can be paid a Coast Guardsman is that he or she lived and worked according to the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard. Eternal credit is due to those who never underestimated the value of naval traditions, customs, and ceremonies - the spiritual cement of a naval organization.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter GALLATIN (WHEC-721) is the sixth cutter to be named after Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury under Presidents Jefferson and Madison. Gallatin was born in Switzerland in 1761 and came to America in 1780. In his career, he served as both State Representative and Senator for Pennsylvania, Ambassador to France and the Court of St. James (Great Britain), and was president of the National Bank. He also founded New York University, and helped negotiate the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the War of 1812. Albert Gallatin died in 1849, and is buried at Trinity Church in New York City, CGC GALLATIN's homeport.

CGC GALLATIN was built by Avondale Shipyard in New Orleans, Louisiana, and commissioned on December 20, 1968. She began her service to the United States on Ocean Station, through 1976. In 1977, she had her first counternarcotics arrest and seizure, and by the 1980's accumulated an impressive 21 seizures. While also carrying out her Coast Guard missions of humanitarian service and marine environmental protection, she participated in three U.S. Navy and Allied Forces mission: Ocean Venture, Ocean Safari, and Magic Sword. In 1989 she was temporarily decommissioned and commenced a two-year Fleet Renovation and Modernization (FRAM) period at Bath Iron Works in Portland, Maine. Exactly 23 years after her original commissioning, on December 20, 1991, GALLATIN was recommissioned at Governor's Island, NY.

The new GALLATIN is outfitted with state of the art weapons and command and control systems. Her armament consists of a Super Rapid Blooming Chaff (SRBOC) missile decoy system, four .50 caliber machine guns, two MK 38 (.25 caliber) machine guns, the MK 15 CIWS (Close In Weapons System), and the MK 76 (75mm) anti-air and surface gun. The Combat Information Center has been upgraded with a new doppler radar system, the AN/APS-137, OTICXS (provides a data transfer link with Naval units), NTCS-A (JOTS) which allows for the plotting and tracking of contacts, message transmission and receipt, and performs many other functions. These systems, integrated with each other and GALLATIN's highly skilled crew, make the GALLATIN the most capable afloat asset in the Coast Guard today.

These systems proved their worth during the Cuban Mass Migration Crisis of 1994. GALLATIN was assigned as Commander Task Unit (CTU) 44.7.9, and served as the command and control platform for over 50 Coast Guard and Navy surface units, as well as numerous fixed-wing and rotary wing aircraft. The rescue of over 27,000 Cuban migrants in a single month was coordinated by GALLATIN, while she was also busy performing her own rescues. For her efforts, GALLATIN was awarded her second Coast Guard Unit Commendation Medal.

**CAPTAIN TIMOTHY L. TERRIBERRY
U.S. COAST GUARD**

Captain Timothy L. Terriberry assumed the duties as commanding Officer of the CGC GALLATIN in July 1993. His Previous Assignment was Chief, Operational Law Enforcement Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. Captain Terriberry is a graduate of the USCG Academy, class of 1970, where he received a BS in engineering. He has also earned a Master's Degree in mathematics from Rennselear Polytechnics Institute. He has served as the Commanding Officer of three other Coast Guard Cutters, including the CGC BEAR, the CGC CAPE STARR, and the CGC CAPE GULL. He has also served as the CG Liason Officer to the Chief of NAVAL Operations at the Pentagon, Executive Officer of the CGC VIGILANT, Instructor at the USCG Academy, and Deck Watch Officer on the USCGC EAGLE and the USCGC TANEY. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal. Captain Terriberry is married to the former Mary A. Simpson. They have two children, Tanya M. Terriberry and Timothy B. Terriberry.

**CAPTAIN WAYNE K. GIBSON
U.S. COAST GUARD**

Captain Wayne K. Gibson is a native of Ocala, Florida. He graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1973, and served on the medium endurance cutter ACUSHNET as a Deck Watch Officer. His initial tour was followed by his assignment as the Commanding Officer of the USCGC POINT COUNTESS. He was then assigned as a watch officer at VTS New Orleans, and Operations Officer on the USCGC DILIGENCE. After attending graduate school, Captain Gibson was assigned as the Coast Guard Military Liason Officer in Barbados. He returned to sea to command USCGC CLOVER. From the CLOVER he was assigned to Headquarters as Branch Chief for the Cutter Management Branch. Captain Gibson proceeded from headquarters to his third command on the USCGC CONFIDENCE. Captain Gibson is presently assigned as Branch Chief of the Officer Assignment Branch, Military Personnel Command. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Pepperdine University, a Master of Public Administration from George Mason University, and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College. Capt. Gibson is married to the former Kathleen Blanchard of Newport News, Virginia.

PROGRAM

Arrival of Official Party*

National Anthem*

Invocation*

Chaplain Helen Spalding

Inspection of the Crew

Presiding Official - Remarks

Vice Admiral James M. Loy, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander Coast Guard Atlantic Area &
Commander Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic

Remarks and Reading of Orders

Captain Timothy L. Terriberry, U.S. Coast Guard
Commanding Officer
USCGC GALLATIN (WHEC-721)

Reading of Orders

Captain Wayne K. Gibson, U.S. Coast Guard
Prospective Commanding Officer
USCGC GALLATIN (WHEC-721)

Change of Command

Presentation of the Commissioning Pennant

Remarks

Captain Wayne K. Gibson, U.S. Coast Guard
Commanding Officer
USCGC GALLATIN (WHEC-721)

Departure of Official Party*

*Guests Please Rise

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE USCGC GALLATIN UNDER THE
COMMAND OF CAPTAIN TIMOTHY L. TERRIBERRY, USCG**

- July 14, 1993** Captain Terriberry relieves Captain Paul M. Regan as Commanding Officer, while GALLATIN undergoes installation of the Phalanx Close-in Weapons System (CIWS) at the U.S. Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia, PA. The installation was completed in September, ahead of schedule.
- Sep-Dec 1993** Alien Migration Interdiction Operations (AMIO) patrol in the 7th District off the coast of Haiti. GALLATIN served as Commander Task Unit 44.7.4 for Operation Able Manner and coordinated plans with the U.S. Navy Commander for Operation Support Democracy. At the completion of the patrol, GALLATIN underwent a successful Training and readiness Evaluation (TRE) in preparation for Refresher Training (REFTRA).
- Feb-Mar 1994** Refresher Training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. GALLATIN is awarded the Coast Guard "E" Ribbon for excellence in Operations, Navigation & Seamanship, Combat Systems, and Engineering and Damage Control with an average score of 95% overall.
- June 2, 1994** GALLATIN hosts a Dependent's Cruise in conjunction with Fleet Week activities. This cruise took the GALLATIN and her passengers up the Hudson River to the George Washington Bridge.
- Jul-Aug 1994** AMIO patrol off the coast of Haiti as CTU 44.7.4. GALLATIN rescues 15 Haitian migrants.
- Aug 19-Sep16 1994** Just hours away from Ocho Rios, Jamaica, and a well-deserved mid-patrol break, GALLATIN is diverted to become Commander of the newly formed Task Unit 44.7.9, operating in the Florida Straits. OPERATION ABLE VIGIL begins with GALLATIN and a few smaller coast Guard vessels, but quickly grows to over 50 Coast Guard and U.S. Navy ships, plus numerous aircraft and other assets. This operation is the largest since the Mariel Boat Lift of 1980. GALLATIN rescues and coordinates the rescue of over 27,000 Cuban migrants in a one-month period. GALLATIN is awarded the Coast Guard Unit Commendation for her efforts.
- Oct-Dec 1994** GALLATIN undergoes drydock period at GMD Shipyard in Brooklyn, NY. Major engineering overhauls were accomplished, including replacement of rudder posts, repair of propeller blades, and MDE overhaul to name a few. The sonar dome was removed, the masts painted, the weatherdecks ground to bare metal and repainted. Bow Prop undergoes emergency repair prior to deployment.
- Jan 1995** GALLATIN's deployment begins with two weeks of Training Availability (TRAV) in Norfolk, VA, her first in over five years. Crew took advantage of numerous Navy schools, including Damage Control and Firefighting, Radar Navigation, NTCS-A (JOTS) Operator, and Leadership for Petty Officers. Boarding teams gained the use of facilities at RTC Yorktown to hone their skills, the Storekeepers visited the Finance Center in Chesapeake, and Quartermasters and other interested crew members visited the Navy Meteorological Ocean Center (NAVMETOCEN) to learn how the weather is forecasted.
- Jan-Feb 1995** GALLATIN headed to the North Atlantic for its first fisheries patrol since recommissioning in 1991. Boarding teams and boat crews braved the elements and completed several boardings a week. Only two violations were issued, but GALLATIN's enforcement of closed areas did not go unnoticed by local fishermen. The ship hosted ABC News Anchor Greg Hurst and a cameraman for four days; the 3-part report was scheduled for a February airing, only to be pre-empted by the O.J. Simpson trial. However, it was rebroadcast in April after GALLATIN's return to homeport.
- Feb-Mar 1995** GALLATIN headed South to the Caribbean for a joint Inter-Agency Task Force (JIATF East) counterdrug patrol. It started off slowly, but culminated in a 313-lb. (142 kilograms) cocaine bust. GALLATIN also participated in Project Handclasp, delivering much-needed supplies to the International School of Curacao and Kinderdorp Hebron, local schools in Curacao.
- Mar-May 1995** GALLATIN completed a major dockside availability where the MK38 25mm chain gun was installed. This change of command marks the start of a 90+ day LE deployment including cadet training with cadets accounting for over 20% of the crew.