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No Mission too Great for Dauntless

By ENS Eric Hudson

The United States Coast Guard has many missions varying from Search and Rescue, Ice Breaking, Environmental Protection, National Defense, and Aids to Navigation. The Coast Guard is also responsible for the deterrence of unlawful entry of aliens into the United States. As such, another important role of the Coast Guard is its Alien Migration Interdiction role.

Over the past seven days Coast Guard Cutter DAUNTLESS has successfully interdicted two unseaworthy vessels carrying over 20 Cuban Migrants each within the Florida Straits, as well as serving as a holding platform for 116 Cuban Migrants. While on board DAUNTLESS the responsibility for the safety, care, and overall well being of these persons is the responsibility of the crew.

On May 11, 2012 Coast Guard Cutter DAUNTLESS interdicted a 25 foot blue “chug chug”, homemade slow moving vessel, 44NM south of Key West, FL. The migrants were fleeing Cuba and were at sea in an unseaworthy vessel for over six days. Among the passengers was an injured male who suffered from an abdominal injury which needed immediate

medical attention. Upon arriving on scene, DAUNTLESS quickly launched its small boats and brought the injured man aboard. Health



ME3 Kelly and SN Schubert assisting

Services Technician Second Class Edwin Casanova, promptly aided the man by dressing and suturing his wound. The remaining 18 passengers were brought aboard the cutter, given dry clothing, shelter, and food. Led by Maritime Law Enforcement Specialist, First Class Christopher Johnson, the crew cared for the migrants on the cutters flight deck. Later that night Coast Guard Cutter PEA ISLAND safely transferred six additional Cuban migrants to DAUNTLESS.

On May 12th, less than eight hours from the last transfer of migrants, DAUNTLESS was directed to a unseaworthy 20ft wooden vessel by a U.S Customs aircraft. This vessel was carrying Cuban migrants. Initially the passengers were

reluctant to embark the cutters small boats, however, a man had suffered a severe leg injury after being struck by the craft’s propellers and his desire for medical treatment prompted others to willingly seek assistance from the Coast Guard and depart their unseaworthy vessel. Again the crew performed expertly as they safely transferred the injured man to the cutter and tended to his wound. Transferring the migrants was no easy task, as the migrants’



Confidence and Dauntless conducting a migrant transfer near Key West

vessel’s instability caused great concern for the small boat coxswains Boatswain Mate First Class Nicholas Freeman and Boatswain

Chadd Bond. The coxswains persevered as a result of their skill and training. Both small boats quickly disembarked the remaining passengers for transfer to the cutter.

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Sailor of the Quarter: DC1 Moran



**This quarters
Sailor Of the Quar-
ter, DC1 Patrick
Moran**

By ENS Eric Hudson:
Petty Officer Moran was recognized as the Sailor of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter of 2012. From the period of 01 January 2012 through 31 March 2012 DC1 has served as an Underway and Inport EOW as well as volunteering to be the Chairman of the recently developed Leadership Diversity Advisory Council (LDAC). He dili-

gently worked to ensure committees were in place to recognize the heritage months as mandated by the confirmed charter and immediately recognized the African American Heritage month by posting placards and informational literature throughout the unit. This emphasis on recognition greatly improved the level of knowledge by all members and led to a more thor-

ough understanding of the history of African American's in the service of the United States Military. The unit LDAC was noted in a recent Commandant's spotlight where the USCGC DAUNTLESS was recognized as a founding unit in the implementation of the Leadership and Diversity initiative . Bravo Zulu DC1 Moran.



Attack of the Bees

By SN Joseph A. Sanchez:

In the United States Coast Guard there is no such thing as a "normal day". No two days are the same as there are always new challenges and surprises that await all Coast Guardsmen and women in this service. It goes without saying that the same is true for the crew of the USCGC DAUNTLESS as one day certainly took all hands by surprise.

The crew of DAUNTLESS had been working as usual hard preparing for the oncoming JIATIF Patrol. As the departure date approached her crew became more and more focused on what had to be done and what was necessary. It was impossible for anyone onboard to have foreseen a group of unexpected visitors to arrive. However, these guests didn't stop by DAUNTLESS' Quarterdeck and checked themselves in. This bunch of busy workers arrived by air and decided to rest on her foc'sle, right by the MK 38 mount

It was, indeed, a hive of bees. No one knows why they came or where they could have came from. Not even Deck Department, who had been loading items into the ship's

Forward Storage Compartment, managed to see the bees fly in. It was as if they just arrived in a blink of an eye. The OOD took action right away, calling a local extermination company to take action.

It wasn't until during Quarters, a weekly all hands meeting to announce future events and to acknowledge special accomplishments, the bees decided to disperse and send everyone on the flight deck running for the Mess Deck.



**Hundreds of
honey bees
making a
hive near
the MK 38
mount**

Dauntless Morale

By ENS Eric Hudson

Morale events aboard Dauntless for the patrol included; a morale skeet shoot, evening meal from the Deck Division, and a crew function at Donte's in Key West, FL.

This has been the crews second skeet shoot in the last 3 patrols, in which SN Shane Shubert is 2-0. MK1 Gonzalez, the Olympic shooter, came in a close second, as well as MK3 Daniels and SN O'Flynn.

Deckies prepared pizza and chicken wings. Cooking for 75 plus hungry sailors is no easy task. However, with a little



team work (and help from FS2 Jackson) they prepared a great meal for the crew.

Every quarter the morale committee tries to sponsor an event to get the crew together. This patrol it was at Donte's pool bar. Fish tacos are great.



Pirate Power Work-Outs

By SN Jordan "the Pirate" Houle

Aaaaaaaargh!!! Being able to maintain a level of fitness worthy of a pirate has become very attainable over the last few months with the addition of new work-out equipment, new "Huffers and Puffers" routines, and the wide range of work-out plans used by the crew. The Dauntless crew is all about fitness, and with what we have available we will all be fit like pirates!

"Huffers and Puffers" has helped many members on Dauntless go from bum to chum! "Huffers and Puffers", which are mostly comprised of cardiovascular type exercises, maybe short in time but have a great impact on the body. I can speak from personal experience that "Huffers and Puffers" is a great work-out and a good way to sweat out all the rum from a port call. Many members on Dauntless attend "Huffers and Puffers" such as BM1 Abrams, LTJG Abruzzese, DC1 Moran, LCDR Kuebler, YN1 Holdren and soon to attend, ME1 Johnson. The work-out routines, created by BM1 Abrams, can be found in his public folder under "Work Out Sets" if you happen to miss a day or have to work-out at a different time.

The new equipment has had a huge impact on the fitness level of Dauntless, you can ask ME3 Kelly. With the addition of two new benches, a treadmill which does work if you were wondering, an exercise bike, and an elliptical, obtaining and maintaining a strong fitness

level can be achieved.

If you are getting bored with the same old routine, many members on Dauntless have different routines and plans in which you can try. We all know that BM1 Abrams will be up on the flight deck running "Huffers and Puffers" and the work-outs are never the same. YN1 Holdren normally does "TRX" work-outs on the fantail. You can always ask a fellow Dauntless member for a few pointers as well. SN Schubert suggests "Maintaining a good balance between muscle gain and cardiovascular fitness by integrating weight lifting, running, and cross-fit type work-outs. ME3 Kelly recommends "pushing yourself past what your body is normally comfortable with in order to progress." BM1 Freeman says "Pull-Ups are good along with plenty of rest and a healthy diet."

Dauntless members are continuously able to better themselves thanks to what we have available out here on the high seas. We obviously do not have every piece of equipment that you find at the gym, but we have what we need to make it happen, with the addition of shipmates around to help us reach our fitness goals. Aaaaaaaaargh!!!!!!



Departing Shipmates: BM3 Heasley

Rank and Name:

Boatswain Mate 3rd Class Heasley, Christopher M.

Time in Service:

4.6 Years

Time aboard DAUNTLESS:

Exactly 3 year from 18th of May

Favorite thing about the ship:

The Small boats, it's like your escape from the madness and the port calls.

Is this your first ship?

Yes



Favorite/best memory:

There are a lot of good memories, but the best memory of the Dauntless was when we had a drug case that the CGC Farallon took from us. The crazy part was moments later, Farallon told us they were low on fuel so Dauntless had to take their detainees and sail boat with the illegal narcotics. I was in my rack when Chief Myers found me and told me I was getting in the small boat. I had no idea why. I went to the Starboard side boat deck with BM3 Linton and hopped in the OTH. The OTH came along side the sail boat and dropped us off. BM3 Linton and I where confused because both of use had no idea what was awaiting for us. The crew of the Farallon were giving us detailed instructions on how to service engine, sail nomenclature, other knowledge about the vessel. I put two and two together and quickly learned that BM3 Linton and myself would be the Captains of this boat. Both of us hadn't eaten, had no food, no dip, or coms with Dauntless, basically we had nothing. Out of the kindness of his heart, Chief Myers sent over a bag of goodies for us. The ironic thing about it was both of us at the time where trying to pass the DWO and where not coxswain qualified, but they let us take control of the sail boat and sail off into the sunset.

Any tips for people coming to a ship, (what to expect, is it worth it etc?)

Lots of energy pills and learn how to make a ham sandwich... J/K. Be ready for anything and stay flexible. Get sleep when you can and give everything 110%. If you do it will reflect on your marks and your character. Be a helping hand with your shipmates...they are going thru the same stuff you are and last, but not least, this is your new family. You are with these people more than you're own family members. Like family you are going to fight, have great times and great memories. The more you act like a family the better it is to complete any tasking or mission that is thrown your way.

Last words (Something to be remembered by):

"Live Life to the Fullest" Life is short. Don't just think about this like a job and go thru it, treat it like an adventure. You are doing things that no one else is doing, go places that no one else you know will go and meet people that will stay in your memories forever. So have fun and live life to the fullest

"Family: I
love you all
and happy
Memorial
Day "
-Sean
Stewart, ENS

**"Krystle
Simpson-
Hamlet:** Love
you from your
Hubby "
-Leslie
Hamlet, MK2

Departing Shipmates: OS1 Candelaria

**"Mere,
William &
Chase: I love
you, miss you
& absolutely
can't wait to
see you!
Love Daddy"
-Fritz
Kuebler, XO**

**"Brenda, David,
and Sophia:
I hope everything
is going well. I
can't wait to get
home. I miss you
guys and I am
excited about our
move to NJ.
Love,
Dave/Daddy"
-David
Candelaria, OS1**

Rank and Name:
OS1 David C. Candelaria

Time in Service:
11 years 5 months

Time aboard DAUNTLESS:
3 years

Favorite thing about the ship:
It's classified

Is this your first ship?
No, I was on the Reliance as a Seaman

Favorite/best memory:

I have had many good memories and can't just choose one. If had had to pick a few I would pick the time I had the rare opportunity to sit on the OS survey. It was cool to know I had a part in writing the Operational Specialist rate's practical knowledge requirements.

One of memory I'll never forget is the time I had to ride the small boat to the TAHOMA for a brief. As I was in the small boat we took a random 9 footer and I got completely soaked. I went into their combat dripping wet. After my brief I left a huge puddle. Thanks BM1 Abrams. Just Kidding.

Any tips for people coming to a ship, (what to expect, is it worth it etc?)
Stay positive, learn as much as you can, and leave the ship better than you got it.

Last words (Something to be remembered by):
Stay positive and enjoy the good times



CO's Comments

Greetings to the family and friends of DAUNTLESS and her crew!

First off I want to thank you all for supporting the fine men and women that make up the best crew in the U. S. Coast Guard. Without your support and dedication we could not continue to do our job knowing that everything was okay back home. Thank you for being there for us.

Wow, what will tomorrow bring? That has been the predominant question of this patrol. We have changed operational areas, operational missions, and operational commanders multiple times throughout this patrol, and

each time when asked DAUNTLESS responded with "Roger, we are on our way."

The continuous and successful training that we have conducted in the past has allowed us to remain flexible and to meet the need or fill the gap when we were called upon. We didn't plan out being "this multi-mission," but that's what we are here for and that is what we are doing!

Sincerely,
John W. Pruitt, III
Commanding Officer
USCGC DAUNTLESS

No Mission too Great for Dauntless...cont.

By the next morning DAUNTLESS would receive another 25 additional migrants for a total of 74 persons being cared for by the crew of DAUNTLESS. Unfortunately, by the morning of the 14th, the leg injury to one of the migrants became infected, thus DAUNTLESS needed to medically evacuate (MEDEVAC) him. The crew safely secured the man in a rescue basket and lowered him to an awaiting Station Key West's 33ft small boat for transfer to a hospital.

Unfortunately, a young male transferred from PEA ISLAND the following day, had suffered a leg injury days before the Coast Guard interdicted migrant vessel. After a thorough examination of his injuries, it was determined that he should be MEDEVACed via helicopter. DAUNTLESS set Flight Quarters and prepared to

receive a Coast Guard HH60-J on its Forecastle. The talented crew of from Clearwater FL, safely lowered the rescue swimmer and hoisted the injured migrant. He was safely transferred to medical personnel in the Bahamas and received necessary medical care. The crew of DAUNTLESS had little time to rest as they needed to prepare to receive additional migrants the next morning.

On the 16th of May, DAUNTLESS safely embarked and disembarked migrants from Coast Guard Cutters OCRACOKE, NANTUCKET, and PEA ISLAND. DAUNTLESS transferred its remaining migrants to Coast Guard Cutter CONFIDENCE.

The crew of DAUNTLESS has eagerly and professionally performed this humanitarian mission and continues to safe guard the seas of the United States.



BMI Freeman bringing back 4 migrants to the cutter



Dauntless small boat destroying the unseaworthy vessel.

*"Congratula-
tions little
bro for
graduating
college. I'm
proud of
you"
-Eric Hudson,
WEPS*

Spreading the Word

Memorial High School located in Port Arthur, Texas, and Girl Scout Daisy & Brownie Troop 27081 had a chance to see behind those curtains.

Members of the Coast Guard Cutter Dauntless welcomed 40 people aboard to tour and learn about one of the Coast Guards elite defenders of the Gulf of Mexico.

Most of the children that visited the Dauntless had little to no knowledge about the



Students from Memorial High School posing on the flight deck

Coast Guard and its various missions.

LTJG Abruzzese, ENS Hudson, ENS Cook, OS3 Ortegon, MK3 Shue, and Sanchez-2, all volunteered to promote the unit and the Coast Guard. Dauntless has been recognized as the Coast Guard's Diversity Champion of the Week, and has had two articles published in the D8 blog. If you are

interested in participating in com-



Girl Scouts getting a Look-Outs perspective.

munity service events , contact ENS Hudson.