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What's Next For DAUNTLESS?

By: SN "Los Dos" Sanchez

For many cutters in the Coast Guard's fleet, Helicopter Operations, or "Helo Ops", are far from being unfamiliar. The same goes for the CGC DAUNTLESS. On her current patrol, her first Helicopter Operation took place late at night, toward the end of the first half of the patrol while migrants had been on

board. One of the migrants had suffered a severe leg injury that made it a necessity for him to be medically evacuated via helicopter. DAUNTLESS made preparations to receive the helo on the ship's Foc'sle, the front of the ship at the bow. As what should be expected from all Coastguardsmen and women, the crew suited up and made all the necessary preparations no matter how tired they were or how late it was. Needless to say, the helicopter pickup was a success. The migrant was picked up by a HH-60, Jayhawk. In the weeks to come there would be a week of Helo Ops. Over the course of that week three non-rates; SN Basil Stowe, SN Caleb Gleason, and SN Kyle Oswald, had been given the

opportunity to ride with two AMTs in the HH-65, Dolphin. Not only have these three



deckies never flown in a helicopter they are all also interested in the aviation field within the United States Coast Guard. I recently had the opportunity to speak with these three adventurous and brave Coastguardsmen and ask them about their experience flying in the Dolphin. SN Gleason was the first of the three to be asked to ride. When asked about his experience this recently qualified Heli Tie-Down Crew member stated "It was very exciting! It's not what I expected at all!" He had been waiting for this opportunity for months. SN Gleason wasn't scared at all prior to going onboard. If anything, he became more and more excited despite being tired from working all

day. Gleason stated "Compared to the boat being on the Dolphin was a smoother ride; I

would definitely do it again". With a grin he added on "I would choose a helo over a plane any-day." The only moment SN Gleason found a little frightening was the landing. "There was a lot of shaking". SN Gleason plans on going AMT. If asked he definitely would do it again without a second thought.

SN Kyle Oswald was the next to ride the Dolphin. "Mr. Hudson just approached me by surprise and asked me if I wanted to ride. I didn't think I'd be able to do this until I went to 'A' School." SN Oswald has been waiting for this opportunity since he had put his name on the Aviation Maintenance Technician, AMT, "A" School list. As they took off he was thrilled, describing the overall take-off experience as "pretty cool". "It was surreal seeing the boat get smaller and smaller as we took off" he added. "It's definitely not like being on the boat."

SN Basil Stowe was the last of the trio to ride in the Dolphin. During his flight, SN Stowe managed to get great pictures

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Departing Shipmates: LTJG Taylor

Rank and Name: LTJG Sabrina Taylor

Time in Service: 2 years

Time aboard DAUNTLESS: 2 years

Favorite thing about the ship: The engineering department. :)

Is this your first ship? yes

Favorite/best memory: Fruit Cocktail upside cake



Any tips for people coming to a ship, (what to expect, is it worth it etc?) Be receptive to the people trying to teach you.

Last words (Something to be remembered by): Working on a ship is not like working at Wal-Mart.

Departing Shipmates: LTJG Abruzzese

Rank and Name: LTJG Kayla Abruzzese

Time in Service: 2 years

Time aboard DAUNTLESS: 2 years

Favorite thing about the ship: The crew

Is this your first ship? Yes



Favorite/best memory: I am still thinking I will send it to you when I figure out which one to use

Any tips for people coming to a ship, (what to expect, is it worth it etc?) For people coming to the ship expect to work hard but have fun at the same time because in the end it is always worth it.

Last words (Something to be remembered by): Never lose sight of why you joined the Coast Guard in the first place no matter how hard it seems sometimes it will always get better. Look out for each other help each other, I would not be where I am today without the help of the entire crew, you guys are awesome.

*"Thanks Dad
for shaping
me into the
man I am
today. Love
you"*

*ENS Eric
Hudson Jr*

*"Family:
Thank you for
the sacrifice
you make
every day and
I love you. To:
Nia, Sean II,
and Ivy. "*

*ENS Sean
Stewart*

DAUNTLESS LE...Its a Character Standard

By ENS Eric Hudson

When duty calls they respond. The Law Enforcement team of CGC DAUNTLESS does it again. On the morning of June 7th 2012 the boarding team traveled through 8 foot seas and 25 knot winds to board a suspected drug trafficking fishing vessel carrying 5,000 pounds of marijuana. Led by Boarding Officer ME3 Chad Kelly and Assistant Boarding Officer ME1 Johnson, the team remained on scene for 12 hours completing schematics of the vessel and searching the vessel for illegal contra-

band. "The boarding was well executed and completed in a efficient and thorough manner. Sometimes we find contraband and sometimes we don't, but we will continue to conduct boardings aggressively with this group of motivated guys," Stated senior boarding team member Sheyne Shubert. Although nothing illegal was found, DAUNTLESS was successful in keeping the world's oceans free of illegal narcotics which could potentially harm the United States and other countries.



DAUNTLESS boarding team enroute to board
Fish Vessel Captain Mo



Sailor Of the Year: BM1 Abrams



BM1 Timothy Abrams was recognized as this year's Sailor of the Year for 2011. During the year, he served as Helicopter Control Officer, Boarding Team Member, Officer of the Deck and Pursuit Coxswain. BM1 was vital to the Deck division during the build-up to CART. He managed a 320 item checklist for USCGC DAUNTLESS' 2011 Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) and Tailored Annual Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) inspections.

During TSTA Petty Officer Abrams performed remarkably serving as the ship's Deck Safety Officer during every one of DAUNTLESS' navigation and seamanship drills. He excelled on all seamanship drills to earning the coveted Battle-E for Seamanship. His exceptional performance during the training cycle earned recognition as one of the TSTA Most Valuable Player's by the Afloat Training Group (ATG) instructors. Bravo Zulu!!!

Departing Shipmates: BMC Myers

Rank and Name:

Boatswain Mate Chief, Brian Myers

Time in Service:

15

Time aboard DAUNTLESS:

3

Favorite thing about the ship:

Camaraderie

Is this your first ship?

No

Favorite/best memory:

Roatan, Honduras

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

Getting qualified quickly!!!!

Last words (Something to be remembered by):

1. Boatswain mates have two backs; one for breaking, and the other for stabbing.



2. Why use common sense and finesse when you can use brute force and ignorance?

*"Happy day
of the
Father,
Brodo*

*SN Joseph
Sanchez*

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...and video footage from within the Dolphin that became featured in the ship's Patrol Video. Stowe waited quite awhile for this opportunity to arise. "I've been wanting to do this since I joined the Coast Guard!" He had a feeling he was going to be asked if he wanted to ride after seeing Gleason riding. The pair were mess-cooking during the month of May and after Stowe was finally asked if he wanted to ride he became incredibly excited and happy. He was a little nervous during the take-off process. "It was nice to get off the boat." Stowe rode in the Dolphin for roughly forty-five

minutes and saw two different cargo vessels. During this time the AMTs piloting showed him and explained to him the different radio and communications equipment, how the Dolphin's radar worked, and the auto-pilot feature was demonstrated as well. SN Stowe plans on being an AET, Avionics Electrical Technician.

The Helo Tie-Down crew members are responsible for making sure the Helicopters that land on the DAUNTLESS' flight deck are on securely. Their job is very important as well as dangerous because of this. I got to sit down with SN Jacob Guilford who is currently

working on being a qualified Tie-Down crew member. "This is something I've never done before and have been wanting to do this since our last patrol." As time goes on he is getting more and more confident during his break-in period. "I'm enjoying my experience so far very much".

The DAUNTLESS' latest Helicopter Operation occurred in early June on a Saturday. A member of the crew had to be flown off of DAUNTLESS. A HH-60, Jayhawk, helicopter picked him up and he was sent to receive medical attention for his injury.

*"Happy
Fathers Day
Senior Chief
Houle!"*

*SN Jordan
Houle*

Departing Shipmates: EMC Lewis

"Dad:
Thanks for all you have done for me and the support for me and the family.
Miss you and will call when I can."

IT2 Ralph Nowak

"Warren Rivera:
Feliz dia de los Padres! Gracias por todo lo que haces por mi. Te amo y Nos vemos pronto."

ME3 Daniel Rivera

Rank and Name:
 Electrician Mate Chief Larry C. Lewis

Time in Service:
 26 years 8 months 14 days

Time aboard DAUNTLESS:
 1 year 11 months

Favorite thing about the ship:
 Nothing! The ship has tolerated me, so I have tolerated her. We have an understanding.

Is this your first ship?
 No, I was on the ALERT and the KATHERINE WALKER.

Favorite/best memory:
 ENS Hudson asking if I liked him. I

guess he didn't understand that I'm an equal opportunity hater and don't like anyone.

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

Work and Life onboard can be overwhelming at times qualify quickly learn your job and everything else is cake have fun and enjoy.

Last words (Something to be remembered by):

Although the job is extremely hard, no one said you couldn't have fun doing it! Have fun and work hard the reward is great.



Wetting Down: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

By ENS Hudson

Wetting down is an honored tradition when a Commissioned officer is celebrated for their promotion. The officer uses their advancement salary increase to fund an entire crew celebration. This year LTJG Sabrina Taylor and LTJG Abruzzese hosted their celebration in Cuba. The crew met at the bowling alley and were treated to pizza and drinks. Everyone talked about the good times and what made their time onboard DAUNTLESS special. Even though I can't bowl to save my life, I had a great time and look forward to having my own one day. "It don't GITMO better" than that!

Departing Shipmates: YN1 Holdren

Rank and Name: YN1 Christopher Holdren

Time in Service: 6 years and 6 months

Time aboard DAUNTLESS: 1 year

Favorite thing about the ship: The crew

Is this your first ship? No. I was a non-rate aboard the mighty DAUNTLESS.

Favorite/best memory: Anchoring off Dry Tortuga and taking the OTH to Fort Jefferson

Any tips for people coming to a ship: Can't think of any...

Last words: Bye!



Congratulations Shipmates

MKC Dunn- Becoming Command Chief BMC Myers- Received the Coast Guard Commendation Medal. SN Joseph A. Sanchez- Became a qualified Helms-

man, qualified lookout, Advanced Damage Control qualified, rapid response qualified. Damage Control qualified, rapid response qualified, fully qualified

member of DAUNTLESS, Advanced from E-2 to E-3, and became a certified Boarding Team Member. SN Garza- Became a qualified Helmsman, a qualified lookout, and Basic Damage Control qualified. SN Lucas Loe- Became a qualified Heli Tie-Down Crew Member and a certified Boarding Team Member. Caleb Gleason- Became a qualified Heli Tie-Down Crew Member. SN Jacob Guilford- Became a qualified Navigation Officer of the Watch. SN Colton Court- Became a certified Boarding

Team Member. LTJG Sabrina Taylor- Became a certified Boarding Team Member. BM1 Nicholas Freeman- Became a qualified Underway Officer of the Deck.

ENS Stuart- Became a qualified Navigation Officer of the Watch. First Class Cadet Rita Walters- Became a qualified Navigation Officer of the watch. First Class Cadet Kenis- Became a qualified Navigation Officer of the Watch. First Class Cadet Gonzales- Became a qualified Navigation Officer of the Watch. Congratulations to you all for the great accomplishment!



Departing Shipmates: MK1 Marek

Rank and Name: MK1 Randy Marek

Time in Service: 11 years 6 months

Time aboard DAUNTLESS: 3 years

Favorite thing about the ship:

Working with the AUX shop. I have never been to a cutter that has a diverse workload. This platform has pushed my MK knowledge to the edge and back. The AUX shop has been tasked to work on everything from large A/C units, refueling helos, small boats and everything in between. This is a great feeling to complete these tasks and gain the knowledge. I also enjoy the personnel in my shop. Every task that we are assigned we complete it and have pride in our work. Even with the mundane task of tedious weekly PMS the people in the AUX division keep smiles on their faces and push through.



Is this your first ship? Fourth ship

Favorite/best memory:

My best memory that I will take with me is actually a very recent one. After being diverted to do migrant ops from a port call for a week or so, we finally got rid of the migrants and it was clean up time. It was a rough time for the ENGINEERS and morale was low for them. The pipe was made “all hands not on watch lay to the flight deck” when we went to the flight deck we found out that there would be an all hands wash down. At this point I was expecting a major drop in morale and some choice words. The whole ENGINEERING berthing taught me a lesson that day, you can have morale in everything you do and morale really is made not given. They all came outside in there swimming trunks and made a morale event out of work with all the departments! They even went as far as to making sure the OTH received a fresh water wash down on the return to DAUNTLESS. Even FN Creer received a special shower on the fantail. After the wash down they even spent another half an hour joking and laughing on the fantail while trying to build the courage to spray MKC Dunn AND CWO2 Owens, I don’t believe they ever did.

Any tips for people coming to a ship:

Expect a demanding environment. The ship is old and needs a lot of care. Expect fun port calls and traveling to places you thought you would never see.

Last words: Morale is made not given, if you change the way you look at the world the world will change!

Main Prop Division: We Know How to Turn a Wrench

*"To my dad
happy fathers
day, to my son
Caleb I miss you
and love you
both!"*

*ET1 Kerry
Maynard*

*"Happy Fathers Day,
Pops!"*

*Fritz (The XO), Mere-
dith, William &
Chase*

"Hey dad!

*Thanks for being
there for me. I
cant wait to
catch some
baseball games
when I get
back"*

ENS Grant Rutter

Sometimes we forget what goes on below in the hot and loud hole we call the engine room. Topside, we know engineers are responsible for keeping the lights on, keeping us cool in the summer and turning the engines. What we don't see often are them putting out fires, fixing generators during liberty, and repairing various equipment throughout the ship. On May 30th at 9:00 P.M I found eight guys

from Main Prop hard at work and turning wrenches. A "hunt" in the engine RPM caused the engine to accelerate and decelerate without control. Their mission was simple...change the fuel injectors on the #2 Main Diesel Engine. The team consisted of CWO2 Owens, MK1 Gonzalez, MK3 Woodward, MK3 Daniels, MK3 Callison, FN Marshall, FN Lopez, and FN Creer. It took

about 10 hours to troubleshoot, diagnose, and perform the required maintenance. They were very successful in changing all of the injectors and the MDE is now running perfect. Bravo Zulu!



Departing Shipmates: ET2 Jawahir



Rank and Name: ET2 Asa Jawahir

Time in Service: 7 years

Time aboard DAUNTLESS: 2 years 10 months

Favorite thing about the ship: Despite the busy schedule and long work-days crew members maintain morale and find time to share laughs and help each other out in their time if need

Is this your first ship? Yes this is my first cutter and second tour in the Coast Guard

Favorite/best memory: Dominican Republic , Cartagena Columbia, Grand Cayman and Roatan... portcalls

Any tips for people coming to a ship: Remember you signed a contract and this is a job so do your job to earn your pay. This is the Coast Guard and we are all sailors first, your rate is your specialty which means deck work is never off limits no matter how hard life seem aboard the Dauntless keep doing your best and think of it as a sacrifice for something bigger and better in your future career .

Last words: Respect all your shipmates. Good luck to all those who served with me during my time aboard and those to come .

Departing Shipmates: ME3 Kelly

Rank and Name: ME3 Chad Kelly

Time in Service: 4 years

Time aboard DAUNTLESS: 3 years

Favorite thing about the ship: Working out on the fantail

Is this your first ship? No. My second, CGC VICE was my first.

Favorite/best memory: Going on pursuits. I love every one of them, but I would say the pursuit we had off of South Padre Island, TX was my favorite. As we drifted we sighted a Mexican Lancha approaching us. I guess they thought we were a rendezvous boat. Once they figured out who we were they took off going back south. BM1 Abrams was driving the OTH like a sports car keeping up with this thing. We were close enough to touch the fleeing boat. Unfortunately we lost comms and couldn't board it. It was still sick!



Any tips for people coming to a ship: Get qualified.

Last words: Thank you!

The Patrol in a Snap Shot



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LDAC meeting led by DCI, MKC Dunn, an SN Sanchez

LDAC:

June is Caribbean American month. For recognition there posters and various information about different Caribbean American inside all the napkin holder on the boat. Look forward to a Caribbean inspired meal for the crew. The planning committee is making plans for July which is American history month. LDAC is also working on new ideas with regards to Leader-

ship. For information or ideas please feel free to contact DC1 Moran or MKC Dunn.

“Who is the surprise Caribbean American of the month? ”



Answer: the father of the Coast Guard Alexander Hamilton

CO's Comments

Job well done! We have done our job. This patrol has taken us from Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the waters of Haiti, to Key West, FL, and back home again. Of all these places we only planned on going to Grand Cayman!

The crew of DAUNTLess did it all, surmounting every obstacle to rise to the top. For some this was their first patrol on a Coast Guard Cutter, and for some it will be their last, but together we are shipmates and we shared so much aboard DAUNTLess this patrol, everyday making the improbable, possible, while learning from each other.

Thank you to all of you at home for being there for us. See you soon!

CDR John W. Pruitt, III
Commanding officer