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## From the Cabin

Greetings HARRIET LANE family and friends. As this is the first newsletter of our patrol and the first for me as Commanding Officer, I'll take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself and my family. HARRIET LANE is my fifth afloat tour, second command, and second tour on a Medium Endurance Cutter. I am coming to HARRIET LANE after completing my most recent afloat tour as Executive Officer aboard USCGC BOUTWELL homeported in Alameda, California.

Like many other crewmembers aboard, I'm very fortunate to have a very supportive spouse at home managing all the moving pieces while we're deployed. Chris is a Registered Nurse and she works at an urgent care facility near our home in Chesapeake, Virginia. Keeping both of us "young at heart" are our three teenage children; Taylor (17), David (16) and Katie (13).



I couldn't be more impressed with the professionalism and dedication of the entire HARRIET LANE crew and am proud to serve alongside them. I look forward to meeting each of you in the near future.

From the Caribbean Sea,

J.W. McKinley  
Commanding Officer  
USCGC HARRIET LANE

## Command Chief's Corner



**Command Enlisted Advisor BMC Brian Kritz (far right) with Deck Department.**

*"It is the formation of the whole Command around the Chief's Mess that really makes it all come together-CPOs form the nucleus."*

**Chief of Naval Operations**

Greetings to all from the Southern Caribbean. Let me start out by introducing myself to everyone. I am BMC Brian Kritz and I have been given the distinct honor of being selected by the Commanding Officer to be the Harriet Lane Command Chief. My Coast Guard career spans twenty years to include units, MSO Port Arthur, Base St Louis, Training Center Yorktown and the CGC's Mesquite, Northland and Harriet Lane. I am the proud father of 3 and engaged to Ms. Christina Allen who is also a proud mother of 3. So I guess between the two of us you can say we have the makings of the Brady Bunch. Yes, we do get some second glances when we are all out

and about, but we think it's cool. Well, enough about me, lets move on to my role on board.

For some of you who do not know just exactly what a CC (Command Chief) does, here is a brief explanation of my duties and responsibilities. CC's assist, consult with and advise the commanding officer of the mission impact of existing or proposed policy changes to operational readiness. Recommend action to correct adverse conditions and improve the quality of life for Coast Guard personnel within the command. Promote good order and discipline by helping the command in all matters pertaining to welfare, health, job satisfaction and morale. Help the command to establish a

positive command climate and mission effectiveness that is based on personal respect for all members. Encourage communications affecting personnel and mission accomplishment with an "open door" policy.

Well, as you can see, I have quite the challenge on my hands and with the support of the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer and the Chief Petty Officer Mess, I have no doubt we will carry out our Command Philosophy and be able to achieve "The Desired Effect" on board Harriet Lane.

Best Regards

Brian.

## From the Chief's Mess

"Chief's Mess" is the term given to the space onboard where the Chief Petty Officers gather to eat meals and to discuss departmental and cutter business. It is also a location for counseling and mentoring. The Chief's Mess is always open to crewmembers seeking advice or just a willing ear to listen. Their wealth of life and Coast Guard experiences makes them an excellent resource from which shipmates can seek guidance on anything from professional development, to investing for the future, to coping with the anxiety that can accompany getting underway for the first time. The HARRIET LANE Chief's Mess represents more than 100 years of combined service.

The HARRIET LANE Chief's Mess welcomed six new faces for the Fall 2007 Patrol.

**BMC Brian J. Kritz** most recently served as an instructor at Boatswains mate class "A"

school in Yorktown, Va. Chief Kritz has also been assigned to MSO PORT ARTHUR, BASE ST. LOUIS, and served aboard the CGC's MESQUITE and NORTHLAND.

**OSC Jeremy J. Gaylord** reported to the HARRIET LANE after serving as a Search and Rescue (SAR) controller for Group Humboldt Bay, CA. Currently, Chief Gaylord is assigned as HARRIET LANE's Combat Information Center Division Chief. Previous units include ATLANTIC AREA Operations Support Section in Portsmouth, VA, and CGC MUNRO in Alameda, CA. He currently resides in Suffolk, VA with his wife, Dawn. They are expecting their first child in December. Congratulations Dawn and Chief Gaylord!

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## From the Chief's Mess continued...

**OSC Josh A. Tidey** is attending additional training and will be meeting HARRIET LANE later in the patrol. Chief Tidey comes to HARRIET LANE from CAMSLANT Contingency Communications/CAT. He previously sailed aboard CGC TAMPA. There is a proud Coast Guard tradition in his family. His grandfather is a retired CWO4 and he also has a cousin, brother, and sister who have or are currently serving. OSC Tidey resides in Elizabeth City, NC, with his wife, Melissa, and daughters, Hailey and Emily.

**ETC Patrick O. Petty** reports to HARRIET LANE from the Advanced Computer and Electronics Training program (ACET) where he spent two years earning an associate's degree in Electronics Engineering Technology from Thomas Nelson Community College. Chief Petty and his wife, Laura, have 3 children, Patrick, Alyssa, and Matthew. Previous assignments include Electronics Support Detachment Galveston, Tx. Chief Petty and his family reside in Yorktown.

**MKC Eamon H. Meehan** volunteered for the patrol to fill a critical vacancy in the Engineering Department. Chief Meehan is permanently stationed at SECTOR BOSTON. Go Socks! He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience gained during tours at Coast Guard Stations in Maine, Texas, and Oregon, as well as previous 270' tours aboard CGC's THE-TIS and SPENCER.

**FSC Kipp D. Rice** begins his second tour in Portsmouth. He comes to HARRIET LANE after serving as the Fifth District Special Command Aide for the past two years. Previous assignments include STATION GULFPORT and CGC's VIGILANT, SEAHAWK, and NEAH BAY. Chief Rice and his lovely wife (guess who is writing this article!), Sarah Michelle Rice, reside with their two miniature rat terriers, Amelie and Oliver, in Norfolk.

The Mess's existing members are **MKC Frank E. Linkous** and **EMC George L. Rutledge**.

Chief Linkous has been aboard HARRIET LANE for 2 years and has 26 years of combined Coast Guard and Army service. He has two remaining college courses to complete for his associates degree in engineering. His hobbies include investing in penny stocks, fossil collecting along the limestone banks of the James River with his grandson, and he is also an avid Numismatist primarily in the collection of pre 1929 U. S. paper notes. He wishes to announce that he has 279 days remaining onboard!

Chief Rutledge reported aboard in 2006. Previous tours include Group Mobile, AL, and USCGC's SHAMAL, FARRALON, VALIANT, and SANGAMON. Chief Rutledge has two children, Jkalyn Eaton and George L. Rutledge. He resides in Portsmouth.

Thank you for stopping by and getting to know the Chief's Mess!

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## Awards and Qualifications



FS2 Emilio Avina receives his Good Conduct Award



ET2 Calen Isbell receives his Good Conduct Award



EM1 Jack DosSantos receives his Inport Engineer of the Watch Qualification



HS1 Brian Richardson receives his Sea Service Ribbon

## Advancements



ET2 Kevin Jarvis advances to ET1



ENS Corey Linen advances to LTjg

# Patrol Pictures



Pyrotechnic training on the flight deck



Refueling a HH-65



Flight Operations with HITRON (MH-68)



More pyrotechnic training

Pictures provided by OS2 Craig and MK3 Meader

## More Patrol Pictures



Caribbean Sunset



Key West, FL



Puerto Limon, Costa Rica



Turtles alongside in Mayport, FL

Pictures provided by OS2 Craig and MK3 Meader



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*“The Desired Effect”*

*USCGC HARRIET LANE is a multi-mission Coast Guard cutter, responsible for a variety of Coast Guard missions including Search and Rescue, Enforcement of Laws and Treaties, Maritime Defense, and Protection of the Marine Environment. The versatility of the Famous class cutter makes it a very cost effective platform in carrying out national objectives.*

*HARRIET LANE’s modern command, control, and communications capabilities, including satellite communications, make the cutter an important asset for long range offshore missions. HARRIET LANE can effectively coordinate the efforts of multiple ships and aircraft while conducting missions over large areas of ocean.*

## Patrol News



Greetings and regards from the Caribbean Sea. HARRIET LANE has been underway for three weeks, with only five left until we return to Portsmouth.

The first stop for HARRIET LANE was in Mayport, FL, for our Airborne Use of Force (AUF) work ups. This training provides our boarding teams and CIC teams with real life go-fast scenarios, emphasizing the need

for coordination between HARRIET LANE, the OTH small boat, and an armed HILTRON helicopter in order to successfully interdict drug laden go-fasts in the Caribbean.

HARRIET LANE has also conducted helicopter operations with two separate air stations. This training provides HARRIET LANE with much needed evolutions to ensure that we have enough qualified personnel in order to safely perform these missions. It also provides the pilots at the air stations the ability to practice their landings and takeoffs from a cutter.

HARRIET LANE has

been to two port calls since leaving Portsmouth - Key West and Puerto Limon, Costa Rica. These have afforded the crew much needed rest and a unique look at the ecosystem of Costa Rica.

Yours truly,

ENS Ryan Kowalske  
Public Affairs Officer

