

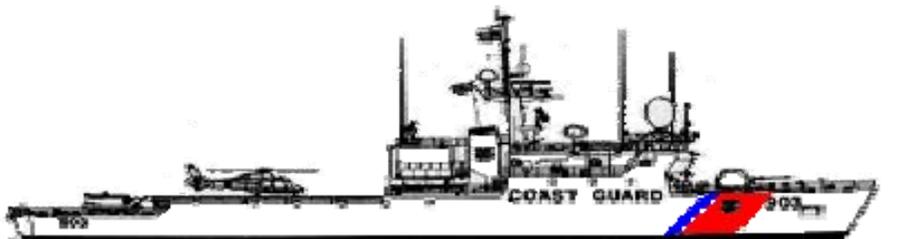
Shore Ties Spring Edition

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Family and friends of HARRIET LANE,

As we go to press with this edition of Shore Ties, we're making best speed toward home, and eagerly await reunion with you! The second half of our patrol rivaled the first as your HARRIET LANE sailors engaged in numerous Coast Guard missions, across a broad area, and as usual delivered superb results!

When I wrote you last, we had been diverted to the Gulf of Mexico to be the command platform for the response to the sinking of the mobile oil drilling unit DEEPWATER HORIZON. Over a short, rough weather period earlier this month, we maintained security around the growing oil spill and provided a communications hub for aircraft mapping the spill and dropping oil dispersants. We saw first hand the immense response by clean-up assets, and even got to see (and smell) the edges of this terrible oil spill up close. When the weather deteriorated too much for oil clean-up, we called on Pensacola, FL to catch our breaths. Our stay was short as we were recalled for search and rescue operations. Later in this edition of shore ties, read about the harrowing case of the sailing vessel JADE. Your HARRIET LANE sailors performed flawlessly... getting the ship underway in high winds and heavy seas with only a few hours notice, taking the vessel in tow, then bringing the crew aboard the ship in extremely challenging weather conditions! After a rest in Tampa, FL (where we returned the JADE crew to their families), we again entered the fight against drug smugglers. We finished up the patrol with a short stop in Key West, FL where us "old guys" taught our younger shipmates how to play softball!

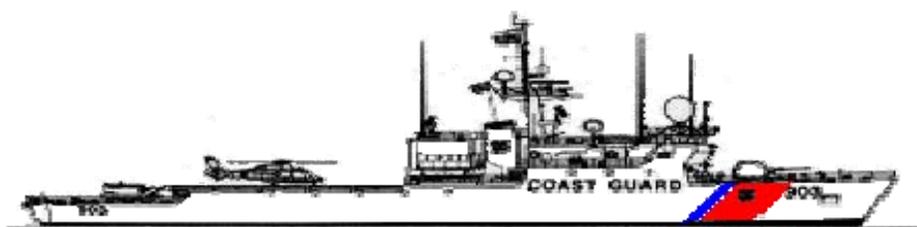
As promised, I'm happy to introduce our new Ombudsmen. Courtney Trumbo and Jacqui Myers will share the duties upon Sarah Michelle Rice's departure on July 1st. Thank you ladies for volunteering your time to keep our loved ones informed, cared for and in touch while we do our important work at sea. Thanks again Sarah Michelle for the support you have provided the HARRIET LANE family!

The Ombudsman "change of watch" is but another reminder of the annual transfer season. New faces are waiting on the pier everywhere we go, and shipmates have begun leaving for their next adventures. Welcome aboard to new families and friends. To departing shipmates: Thank you for your outstanding service in HARRIET LANE. Fair winds, following seas, and I hope our track lines cross again soon!

Remember that hurricane season starts June 1st. Take some time to be sure you are prepared. If in port, the ship may need to sail, so being ready to take action at home may fall to you. There are some excellent preparedness resources at www.ready.gov.

Thank you once again for the love and support you all provide,

J. C. Vann
Commanding Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE



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When you read this edition of *Shore Ties*, I will have gone over fifteen years of service. During that time, I have made several important observations about the U.S. Coast Guard. One of which: there are no true goodbyes in the Coast Guard. To say the word “goodbye” would suggest a feeling that you might not see someone again. As for me, I hope that is not the case. I am very proud to have served with the men and women on board, both past and present, – but I will not say “goodbye” to them – as I hope that some day our paths will cross again, as so often it does in this great Service.

Many of the folks leaving this summer will have dedicated three years or more on board. Let me recap for you what these fine professionals were able to achieve. Their list of accomplishments is impressive to say the least:

- Seized nearly 3.9 metric tons of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$119 million;
- Seized and returned to the Federal Treasury approximately \$8.5 million in United States currency;
- Interdicted, cared for, and repatriated/turned over to Federal law enforcement authorities over 330 migrants and suspected smugglers;
- Returned one stolen vessel valued at over \$200,000 to its rightful U.S. owner;
- Responded to 9 search and rescue cases;
- Earned the coveted Battle “E” ribbon and Operational Readiness Award in 2008 along with the Atlantic Area Gunnery Award;
- Represented the United States at PANAMAX 2008 - a United States-led military coalition consisting of 19 countries partnering to prevent Panama Canal terrorist attacks; and
- Responded with short-notice to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

During the age of sail, reading off a list of accomplishments like those listed above, while saying farewell to departing shipmates, used to result in three cheers and a tipping of the cap. Thereafter, the departed shipmate would be rowed ashore, and now “former” shipmates would line the rails to see the person off.

Nowadays, we do things differently – but we do so with the same amount of reverence and respect. Departing shipmates are given the “the deck”, provided an opportunity to say their respects, and thereafter a series of raucous cheers and clapping envelopes the decks, and in some cases – tears well up in the eyes of the departed and the now “former” shipmates. I would argue, though the times are different, the moment is just as special as it was back in the age of sail.

Again, to all who depart this summer: “Thank you!”

LCDR John Cashman will relieve me at the end of July during the next patrol. I have no doubt he will do a great job. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve on board and I have learned a great deal from everyone.

Finally, I have two other observations to share with you all. Until this tour, I had never served afloat while married or served at a unit while my family resided elsewhere (commonly referred to as being a “geographic bachelor”). I have learned that both sets of circumstances are extremely tough while assigned to a ship...so tough – that you cannot possibly fully appreciate it as a single member. To all of my shipmates, both past and present, thanks for supporting me, as this tour was tough on me – whether you knew it or not. There is a great sense of “family” on board – and that environment helped me get through the two years.

I hope to return to sea after this next assignment, but I am in no hurry. It is time to be with my lovely wife and my cute daughter, who learned how to walk while I was at sea on this patrol. Both women have provided me an immeasurable amount of love and support...and to them I say: “Thank you and I love you both very much.”

Sincerely yours,
LCDR Adam B. Morrison
Executive Officer

Chit Chat with the Executive Officer

Chief's Call

Well it's time for us to be heading back north to family and loved ones after what seems to be a very long patrol. Thank you all for your support.

While underway I have relieved Senior Chief Petty Officer Rice as the Command Chief. I am Chief Petty Officer Chad Kiser. A little bit about myself- I have been married for 15 years this December. I have 3 children, Alec age 12, Trevor 11, and Ashtyn 9. I started my military career in the Navy in 1991. I served on the USS Savannah, then reported to Assault Craft Unit II, and finished my Navy career at Naval Explosive Ordnance School. I crossed to the Coast Guard in September 2001 and reported to my first ship CGC Forward. After the Forward I continued to assist the fleet with training while attached to Afloat Training Group. I transferred from ATG and reported to CGC Vigorous for one year before arriving aboard the Mighty Harriet Lane. I have enjoyed my interaction with the crew in my new capacity as Command Chief, and look forward to serving the crew and their families for the remainder of my time on board.

During this patrol the Chief's Mess sponsored a month log "Spotlight on Leadership" campaign. We focused on a different leadership competency every week throughout the month of April. We posted flyers focusing on that week's leadership competency, and also invited random crew members in to the Chief's Mess for "Facilitation over Burgers" where we discussed that weeks' leadership competency with the member. We had a great time with this and hope the crew enjoyed it as well.

Soon after our return home we will be saying good bye to some of our shipmates from the Chief's Mess. OSC Joshua Tidey, after serving aboard for three years will be departing and heading south to the Aviation Training Center, Mobile, Alabama. OSC Jeremy Gaylord, after serving aboard for three years will be departing and heading across the pier to Sector Hampton Roads, Portsmouth, Virginia. ETC Patrick Petty after serving aboard for three years will be departing and also heading across the pier to C2CEN. EMC Daniel Webster, after only serving aboard for 358 days will be getting advanced to Senior Chief and then departing and reporting to CGC Anthony Pettit, Ketchikan, Alaska. OSC Robert Miller, after serving aboard for three years will be departing and heading to OPBAT, Nassau, Bahamas. Last but not least FSCS Kipp Rice, our out going Command Chief, will be departing and headed out to the Food Service Assistance and Training Team, Petaluma, California. All of our shipmates will be missed.

While in port this summer the Mess will be welcoming new members as well. EMC Barbara Vakselis, coming to us from SFO Grand Haven, Michigan. FSC Chantell Schmitt, coming to us from ISC New Orleans, Louisiana. OSC Christopher Chiaro, coming to us from Maritime Safety and Response Team, Chesapeake, Virginia. Last, but certainly not least ETC Derek Campbell coming to us from our sister ship the CGC Northland, Portsmouth, Virginia. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Chiefs.

During this patrol many members of the crew took their prospective service wide exams. The raw scores are coming in and I would like to congratulate all of them on their scores.



Members of the Mess

- *FSCS Kipp Rice
- *MKC David Noel
- *BMC Chad Kiser
- *MKC Tom Daniels
- *OSC Aaron Presson
- *EMC Daniel Webster
- *OSC Josh Tidey
- *OSC Rob Miller
- *OSC Jeremy Gaylord
- *ETC Patrick Petty

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Redman!



Each patrol, law enforcement team members on board HARRIET LANE go through various initial and recertifications training and tasks. This patrol, we covered Use of Force Levels 1-5. The objective of the training is for the members to recognize the different types of subjects, choose the appropriate level of force, and to gain compliance in dynamic scenario-based training. Each member was presented with a scenario where he or she had to determine what type of subject the role-player was throughout the scenarios. It's imperative that our law enforcement officers have a clear understanding and knowledge of the four types of subjects they may potentially deal with in the course of our job. Our own XO was our role-player and donned the infamous "red man suit." This suit allows members to employ the required levels of force in a life-like scenario where they can use the tools of the trade, such as OC spray, batons, punches, stuns, kicks, escorts, and take downs. And no, the XO was not injured in the process of the training!!

Just in case you wanted to know a little bit more about the Use of Force continuum. The Use of Force continuum is a model that organizes levels of force into a graduated scale of risks and outcomes, and provides our officers with a system for determining the appropriate levels of force to be applied when governed by the Coast Guard Use of Force policy. Use of Force decisions may vary from person to person based on the totality of the circumstances. Regardless of the circumstances, the force used must be limited to that force reasonably necessary under the circumstances.

Failure to properly understand the Use of Force policy could result in excessive force being used. In such cases, the Coast Guard and the responsible member(s) could be held liable for any damages/injuries. The outcome could be civil or criminal charges, including being held accountable under the UCMJ in cases where excessive force has been used. On the other hand, using too little force could result in an unnecessary escalation of force, injuries, or death.

We also had the privilege of hosting two ship riders from the Gulf Coast Regional Fisheries Training Center (GRFTC). They provided Living Marine Resources (LMR) training in anticipation of fisheries boardings that did not happen. Never-the-less, we are more prepared should we conduct LMR boardings in the Gulf of Mexico!

Contributed by LTJG Jason Himsey, ALEO



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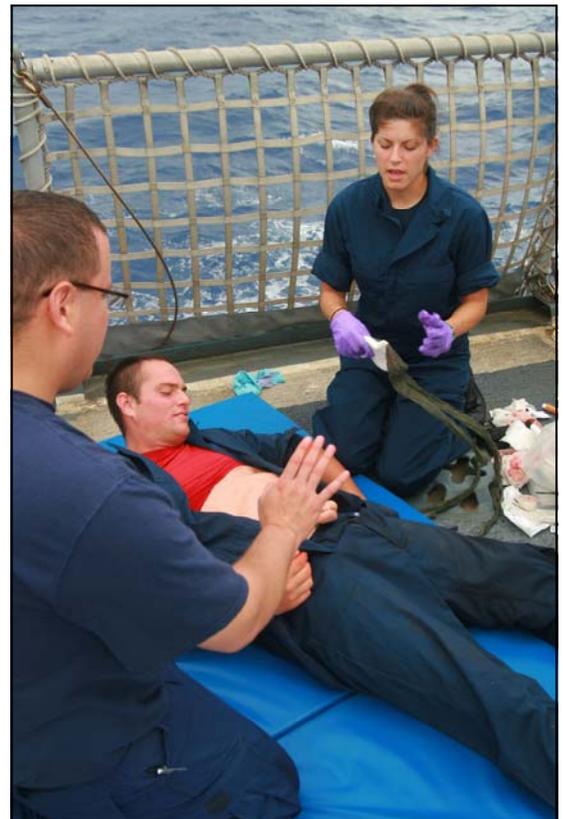
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Damage Control Olympics

On May 18th the crew competed in a Damage Control Olympics while transiting in the Caribbean. Teams comprised of both junior and senior personnel gave their all vying for the "DC AXE" and bragging rights for the rest of the patrol. Not surprisingly, the team anchored by CWO Mortimer, MKC Daniels, and MK1 Bowles was too much to handle.



Damage Control Olympics



Damage Control Olympics



Sailing Vessel JADE

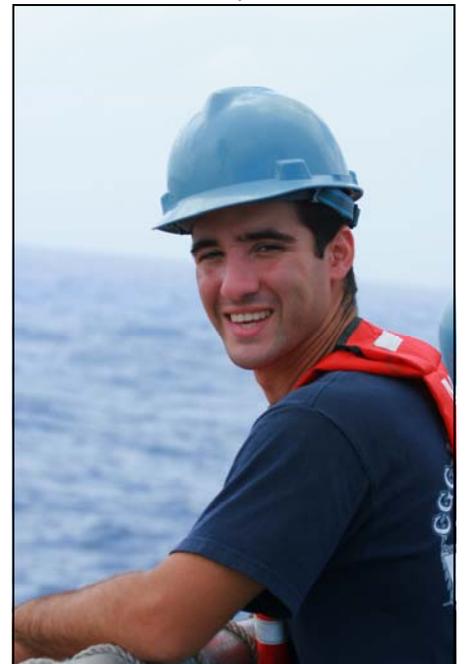
On Sunday, May 2nd, at 0345, St. Petersburg locals Buddy Payne, David Knowlton, Joseph Lettelleir, Rick Hardwick and Johannes Helsen, hit a 25 foot rogue wave which resulted in the rudder of their 47 foot Hunter built Helson Signature Sail Boat, JADE, falling off. They immediately turned on their Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacon, EPIRB, which instantaneously alerted four ships in the area of JADE's distress. The BAHAMANIAN PRINCESS arrived on scene and contacted the Coast Guard and informed the sailors that the Coast Guard would be on scene shortly. Throughout the next day, two Coast Guard flights flew over JADE to ensure she was still intact while HARRIET LANE was underway en route to their location.

At approximately 1230 on Monday, May 3rd, HARRIET LANE arrived on scene and started developing new plans on how to take JADE into tow. After three attempts over two days, CDR Vann had to make the decision to bring the sailors of JADE onto HARRIET LANE for their own safety and look to civilian towing services to recover and return the sailing vessel.





Sailing Vessel JADE



End of Patrol Shout Outs

To Monica and Ryleigh,
I love and miss you both very much. See you both very soon.
Love, Josh

Pete, we really had a great time with you onboard. I can't really explain how sad it was when you left us. No more assistance on tow watches, no more biting in the gym...you left without even explaining yourself to us. I am sorry that it couldn't work out. We will miss you!

Hey Dad, Jdubs and Jess. I miss you and can't wait to see you! Your loving son and brother, Christopher

To Ling, Sissy, Jonathon, Terry and Dingo, I miss you all.
-Chad

Goodbye OSC Miller and EM1 Van Horn. I have learned a lot from both of you and wish you both the best of luck at your next units.- OS3 Jackson

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Hey Luke,
Never thought you would see your name in here did ya?!

-Lub
Preeeeeeeeeeesh.
-Lub

To all my shipmates that are departing this in-port: Your knowledge and experience has helped us all and your presence will linger in the passageways and we will always remember you.

Sarah Michelle,
Thank you for all your help as Ombudsman for our unit, we will miss you keeping our families in the loop and that we are doing fine.
BM2 Peplow

Courtney, Logan and Haley; I love you all and can't wait to see and hold you again. Grandma I love you and hope you get well soon, all my family in Cali I love you too and see you soon. -Mike
P.S.- Chris I can't believe you're leaving me here...

Zack, good luck in San Francisco. Keep in touch bud and call me when you want to go to Vegas. When in Rome, agree to disagree.

Shipmates, thanks for having my back- I learned so much from you all, and I hope some of you learned a thing or two from me as well! I know you all will do big things in future patrols, best of luck in PANAMAX! Go Steelers.- CLAF!

Hey Chelsea, I love you and miss you so much! I can't wait to get home and see you!

Wifey,
I love you. On July 25, 2008 you sent me the below poem as I was out sea on my first patrol. In my stateroom, I cried when I read it, as I had never gone to sea before as a married man.
"I carry your heart with me, I carry it in my heart, I am never without it, anywhere I go you go, my dear; And whatever is done by only me is your doing, my darling I fear no fate, for you are my fate, my sweet I want no world, for beautiful you are my world, my true... I carry your heart.
I carry it in my heart."
— e. e. cummings
Now on my last patrol, I have read the poem again and again cried in my stateroom. I have had your heart within mine for two years, and together we have seen and done a lot of great things on HARRIET LANE. Thank you for your love and support.
See you soon,
Husband

End of Patrol Shout Outs

Hey Baby, I'll see you soon. I love you and can't wait to be home. Summer is gonna be great! - Jorge

Connie and kids,

Thank you for all the work you've done over the last two months. This last year has been a learning experience for us all with me being gone so much. I appreciate your achievements and sacrifices you've made. I look forward to enjoying the summer together!

I love ya'll,

Roy

Fillion Family,

Thank you so much for all of your support. This has been an incredible experience and adventure. Thank you for missing me and always sending your love! Can't wait to spend some time at home before the next chapter in my life!

XOXOXOXOXOXO,

Paula Marie

To my cute Elly Belly and my Beautiful Wife Nochole,

Thank you so much for your patience and your ability to put up with this. I love both of you very much. We made it!!

Love, Joey

Bunny, I love you. See you soon! -Buddy

To the crew of HARRIET LANE. Well, almost two years have passed since I reported and it is now time for me to go. I will miss you all. Each and every one of you has contributed to my development both personally and professionally in one way or another.

For that, I will never be able to repay you. We have enjoyed many good times and many trying times. Thank you for helping me to become a better person, leader, and Coastie! I am proud to say that I was a HARRIET LANE sailor and would count it an honor to serve with any of you in the future! I wish blessings for each of you. Regards, Jason Himsey

Dara,

Finally. Our last patrol. I know it has been a rough three years, but you remained strong through it all. Thank you for always being there.

Now pack your bags, we are going to MIAMI.

Love,

Chris

Hey Denise, Happy 6th Anniversary! I couldn't have asked for a more understanding wife, you are the world to me. I love you and am looking forward to our Florida vacation. I love you, Eric

Sarah Michelle and Meg,

I can't wait to begin our summer adventure! Thank you for all of your love and support throughout this tour. You are the BEST!

Love, Kipp (Dadda)

To all my family and friends: Thank you for your support over the last 3 years. I really appreciate it and could have not done it without you! Dawn and Kyliana as my biggest supporters, THANK YOU! I am coming home and looking forward to being around more, I love you!!! Travis and Uncle Bill thanks for helping Dawn with the stuff that broke around the house over the last three years while I was at sea.

To the Chiefs Mess, my guys, and the rest of my HARRIET LANE shipmates: Thanks for all you do. Fair winds and following seas! Jay/OSC Gaylord

Darlene, Hailey and Madison, I can't wait to see you all! Thanks for the continuous good news about all your accomplishments. I'm very proud. It's going to be a fun Summer aboard the Salty Dog! Love always, Jay

Mom, Happy Birthday! Looking forward to seeing you in July, Jaybird

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Goodbye. Love MPA.

"Failure to attend is attending to failure"



The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the
COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to:

**USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903)
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA**

for service as set forth in the following

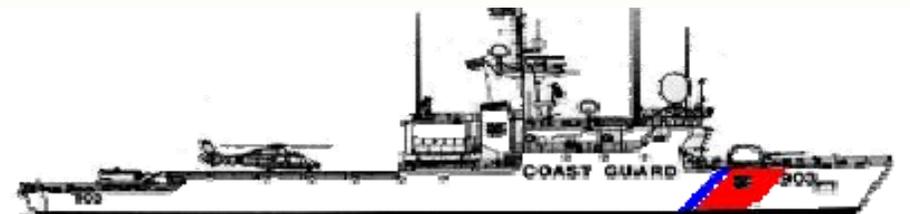
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"For meritorious service from 23 May 2009 to 19 December 2009 while executing three law enforcement patrols in support of the Seventh Coast Guard District and the Joint Inter-Agency Task Force South. USCGC HARRIET LANE achieved significant operational successes while patrolling the waters of the Caribbean. Three cases merit particular attention as results garnered acclaim at the highest levels of the United States government. In June 2009, HARRIET LANE's boarding team interdicted a go-fast vessel attempting to smuggle approximately \$8.5 million in United States currency. This currency seizure marked one of the most significant contributions the United States Coast Guard has ever made into the United States Treasury. Also, four suspected smugglers were detained and successfully prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office. This high profile case was followed by two significant cocaine seizures in October and December of 2009. Approximately 2.7 metric tons of cocaine, worth an estimated street value of \$84 million, was located and seized on two motor vessels. The crew of HARRIET LANE was complimented in both cases for fostering partnerships with other governmental agencies and the Royal Bahamian Defense Force. Acclaim for these operational successes was complemented by external recognition for HARRIET LANE's intelligence gathering and dissemination efforts. Fifteen field intelligence reports exposed smuggling routes and methods in the Caribbean, providing actionable intelligence for the national intelligence community and operational commanders. HARRIET LANE also embarked Maritime Intelligence Support Teams on consecutive patrols which increased the operational effectiveness of the cutter and crew. Lessons learned from these two patrols have paved the way for future MIST deployments on other Atlantic Area cutters. The devotion to duty and outstanding performance demonstrated by the officers and crew of HARRIET LANE are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

R. J. PAPP, JR.
Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander, Atlantic Area





Seaman William Carter receives his Sea Service Ribbon.



Seaman Joel Brosius is advanced from Seaman Apprentice to Seaman.



Senior Chief Kipp Rice receives his Advancement Certificate signed by Master Chief Petty Officer Bowen.



Chief Petty Officer Chad Kiser relieves as Command Chief.

Awards



Senior Chief Kipp Rice gives his departing comments after his relief as Command Chief.

Advancements

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE THIS ISSUE POSSIBLE

YN3 Pepin
OS2 Reinert
OS3 Jackson

PORT CALLS

- ∞ Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles
- ∞ Pensacola, FL
- ∞ Key West, FL



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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.