

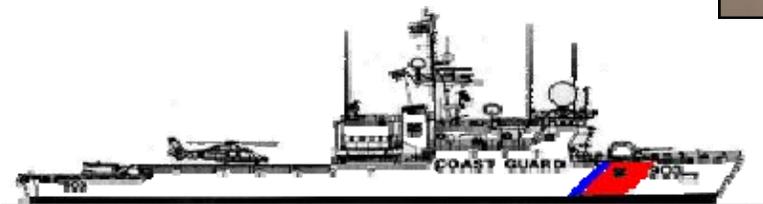
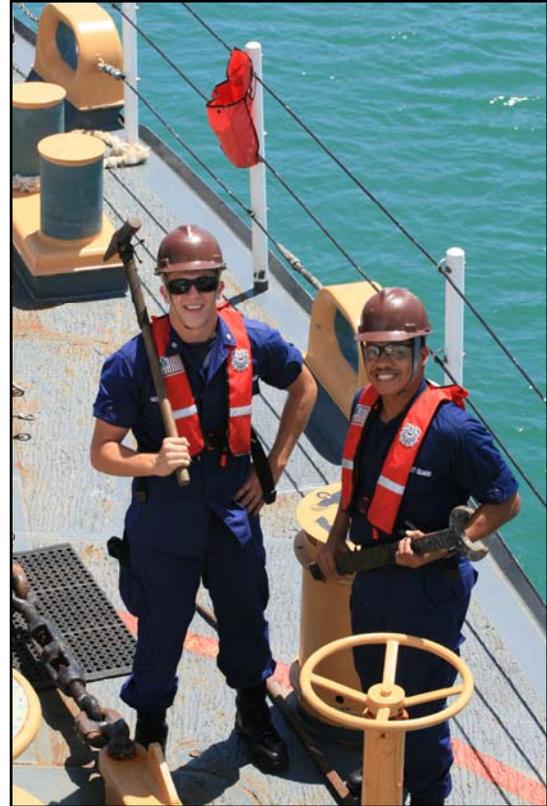
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Family and friends of HARRIET LANE,

It seems like we just published our last edition of Shore Ties, yet a whole month has passed and we are on our way home to you! Like our last return to homeport, we'll be tested by rough weather as we make our way north. However, we will sail safely while doing everything we can to remain on schedule.

A bit on the ship's schedule:

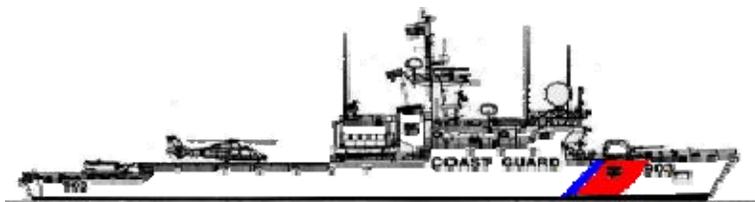
HARRIET LANE is scheduled by our commanders to spend roughly 185 days per year away from homeport. Patrol time, time away for maintenance and training periods are all considered. These factors are weighed against the schedules of other ships, the aircraft and other units we work with, and an annual schedule for all the cutters is generated. Late this week and next, that translates to us working over the weekend and getting underway for a few days to complete required helicopter readiness training. Although it is not ideal to keep working for four days immediately upon our return, the schedule we've been dealt does ensure that the ship and crew will be at the top of our game for this important event, that support will be available to us from our regular maintenance team in Portsmouth, and that we can spend a few more nights with you instead of extending the patrol to conduct the inspection and training in another location. We will certainly get some much-deserved stand down time right after we finish. Your continued support through these challenging periods in our schedule is very much appreciated!

Back to the last month of our schedule! Aggressive patrolling, frequent small boat operations, employment of deployed aircraft, and cooperation with the cutters THETIS, DAUNTLESS and VALIANT allowed us to execute our mission of deterring illegal immigration attempts from Haiti. We managed to avoid a few tropical weather systems, conduct some maintenance at sea, and fit in lots of valuable training. Your HARRIET LANE sailor made you proud, and we regularly received thanks from our commanders and shipmates aboard other units for a job well done.

I received glowing reports on the Family Potluck Picnic arranged by Courtney Trumbo and Jacqui Myers. Thanks to both of them for putting together that enjoyable opportunity for HARRIET LANE family to come together! I also know that Courtney and Jacqui helped some of you through the challenges that often come up while we're away. If you have not had the chance to meet or talk with Courtney or Jacqui, I encourage you to send them a note, call them or introduce yourself the next chance you get. They continue to do a superb job as our ombudsmen.

Once again, thanks to all of you. The support you provide from back home keeps us strong through the important, challenging work that we do. See you very soon!

J. C. Vann
Commanding Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE



See you very soon,
Harriet Lane



Chit Chat with the Executive Officer

Hello family and friends,

I am sitting down to write this note as we turn north towards the Continental United States, and more importantly, back towards Portsmouth. The excitement is building and spirits are high as we all realize that we will be back with you soon. We wrap up a very successful patrol where we effectively stopped illegal migration from northern Haiti after an early rise in migration attempts. Beyond the number of cases worked, our success is evident through the seamless transition to an integrated crew, our ability to maintain top operational readiness despite nearly 40% crew turnover prior to sailing and the

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-XO

fact that we once again have been effective in accomplishing our mission safely.

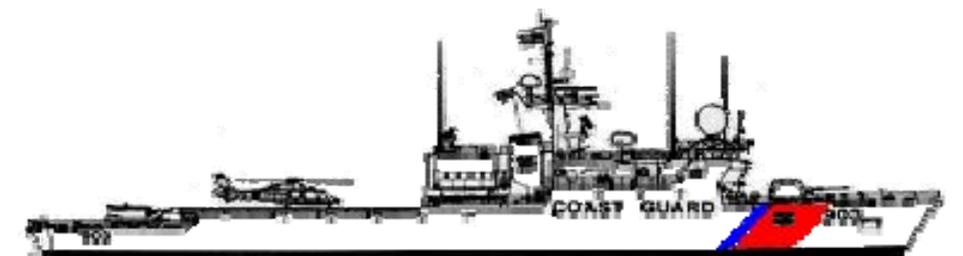
Our work isn't over, but the opportunity to be closer motivates us to get the work done. This in-port, like all of them, will be busy. Preparations for the next patrol have already begun and several significant systems will undergo overhaul while we are home. We will spend four

days training and reviewing our equipment and procedures for helicopter operations. Additional time will be spent learning the nuances of fisheries regulations and preparing for operating in a cold weather environment. Our ability to make the transition from typical deployments to the Caribbean to one in the North Atlantic highlights our multi-mission capability. While there is much to do, I encourage everyone to set time aside to enjoy each other's

company. Whether it is taking the kids to a park, going for a road trip to visit with friends or simply relaxing at home, be sure to relish the time shared together. Thank you for answering the call and supporting all of us. We will be home soon!



John D. Cashman
Executive Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE



Chief's Call

After a very successful patrol, it is nice to be on our way home!

The second half of this patrol has been full of training and preparation for the upcoming inspections. We are all looking forward to spending time with friends and family. Spirits are high among the crew with the anticipation of getting back to all of you at home waiting. We have a short stop in Miami to recharge before we start to head north. We will have some flight ops on the way home to prepare for the upcoming Helicopter Standardization inspection, which will commence once we return to home port.



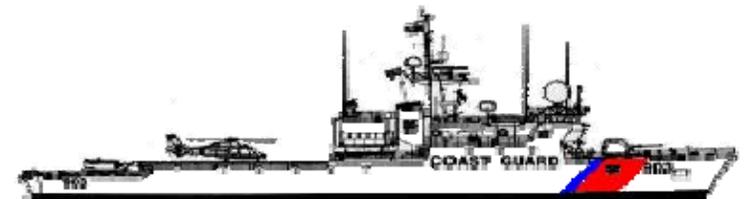
Congratulations to Ensign Jim Brendel and Electronics Technician Chief Campbell for completing their in-port Officer of the Deck Qualification. This qualification takes a great deal of time, effort and studying. Congratulations also to Electricians Mate Chief Vakselis for her qualification as Underway Engineering Officer of the Watch. This watch qualification takes a great deal of technical knowledge as well as good judgment to achieve. Well done to all of them!

I would like to acknowledge some newly reported personnel as well and say welcome aboard to FN Christian Hemming who reported aboard near the middle of the patrol and quickly started on her watch station qualifications. Since her arrival she quickly qualified as underway auxiliary watch stander, helping to improve the engineering watch rotation.

The crew got to enjoy a little bit of relaxation underway as the command was able to fit in another swim call on a Sunday afternoon. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and even a few float toys came out of the closets for this one. Unfortunately, the good luck we experienced in the beginning of the patrol with our fishing from the fantail seemed to go away as we have not caught any big fish since. Not to say we didn't try with the occasional fish call after work hours, but everyone seemed to be having fun trying to catch something and it didn't seem to matter whether or not they did. I guess the saying is still true, a bad day of fishing is still better than a good day at work!

Again, we appreciate all of the support from all of you at home, and you are all always in our thoughts. It shouldn't be much longer now. We will see you soon!

BMC Chad Kiser
Command Chief
USCGC HARRIET LANE



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
- Sir Winston Churchill

Members of the Mess

- *BMC Chad Kiser*
- *MKC David Noel*
- *OSC Chris Chiaro*
- *MKC Tom Daniels*
- *OSC Aaron Presson*
- *EMC Barbara Vakselis*
- *FSC Chantel Schmitt*
- *ETC Derek Campbell*

.50 Caliber Gunnery Exercise

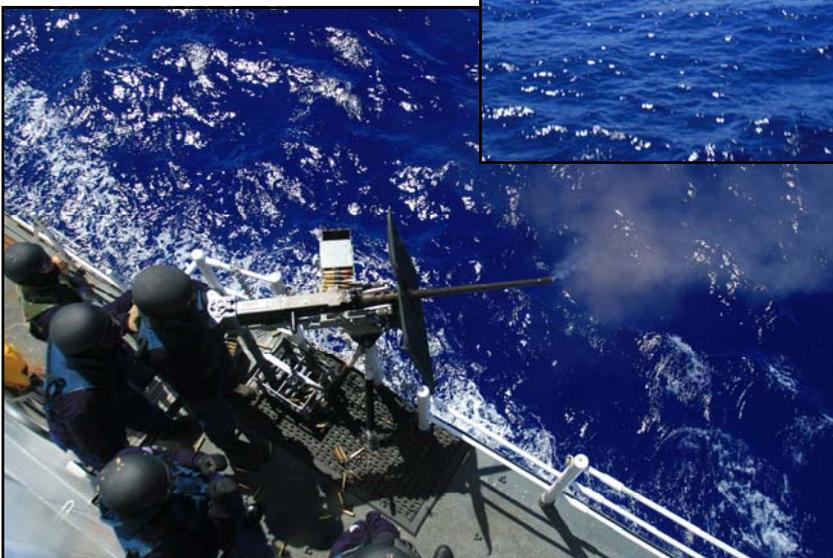
Thanks to everyone's teamwork, we were able to conduct another successful gunnery exercise. Members of the .50 cal Gun Crew include: Gunner's Mate First Class Craig Gibson, Gunner's Mate Second Class Nate Shook, Gunner's Mate Third Class Chris Carney, Information Technician Third Class Shawn Blackwelder, Store Keeper Third Class Alex Dahlmeyer, Yeoman Third Class Tyler Pepin, Seaman Darren Deobilda, Maritime Enforcement Specialist Third Class Taylor Huttenloch, and Seaman Tim Appalbaum.



Left: The Bridge Team dons battle dress!
Below: Ensign Jim Brendel talks on the sound powered phone as the Weapons Control Officer while Ensign Cate Gillen looks on.



Look at those shots!



DC Olympics!

When HARRIET LANE suffers a casualty such as fire or flooding, her crew must know how to respond! For that reason, once every patrol, each duty section is divided up into teams and visits various stations around the ship where they must respond to a different casualty. This helps reinforce everyone's knowledge of Damage Control equipment. Each station is an opportunity to refresh our memory and have a little fun! The fastest responders earn points and the winning team gets the specially-engraved ax.



Ensign Tim Cassel plots casualties while Chief Warrant Officer Mark Russell receives information on the sound-powered phone.



Go Team!



Ready to fight the fire!



Chief Electrician's Mate Barbara Vakselis talks on the sound-powered phone from Damage Control Central with Electrician's Mate First Class Daniel Orlando.



Treating a personnel casualty.



Once the pipe ruptures, they have to act fast to plug it up!

Flight Operations

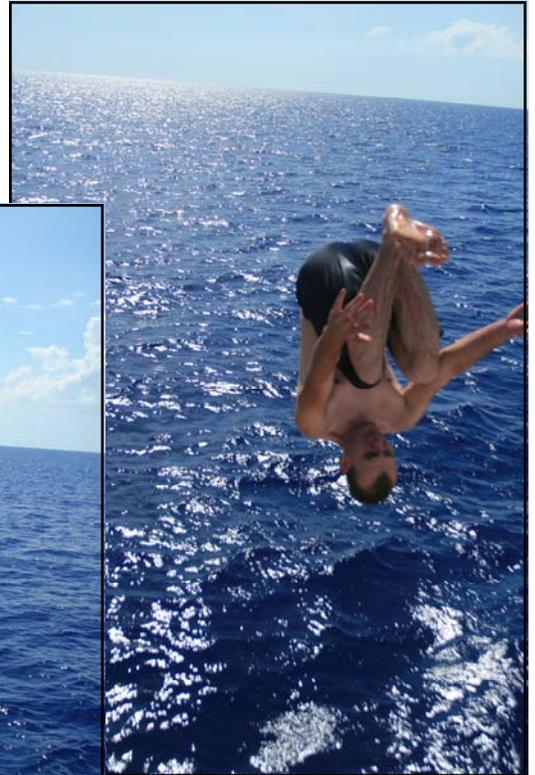
During the patrol, one of our crewmembers required medical care not available from the ship. Airlifting a patient is the method Coast Guard helicopters use to rescue people at sea, so it was a great opportunity for the helicopter shown to practice conducting a basket hoist.



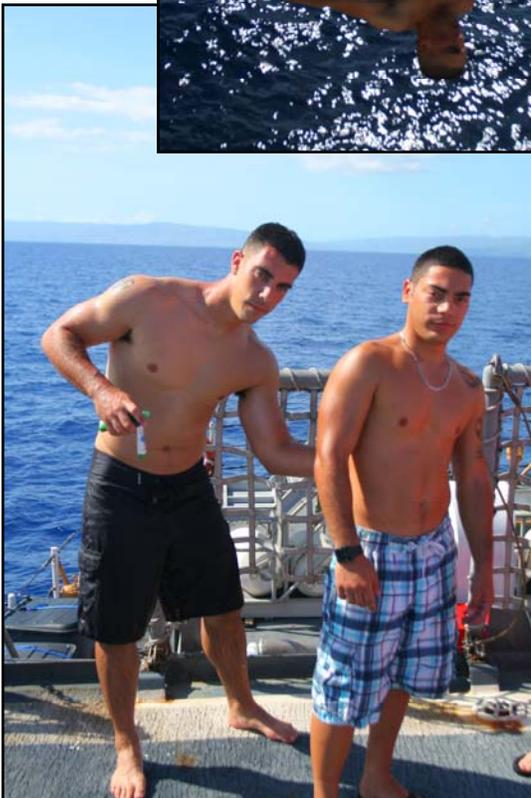
Thanks to the crew's teamwork, our shipmate was safely hoisted onto the helicopter and flown away.



Swim Call!



Swim Call, Con't.



It's the GIANT Quizno's Balloon!

Family Picnic!



Thank you to our wonderful Ombudsmen, Courtney Trumbo and Jacqui Myers, for planning a family potluck-picnic. It looks like everyone (especially the kids!) had a great time. We miss you all!



Patrol Pictures



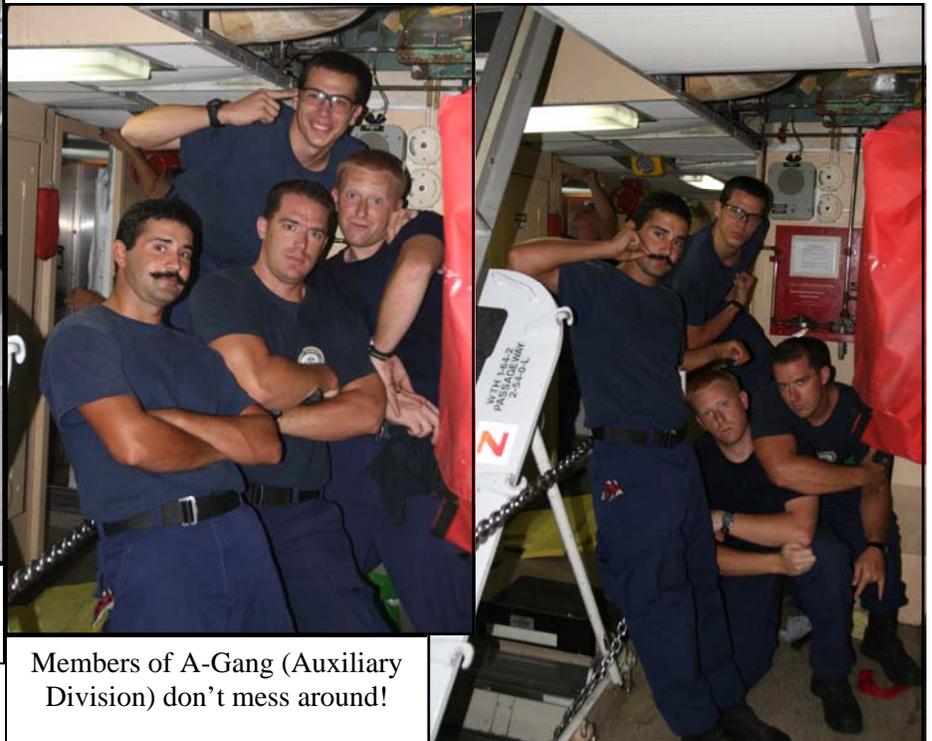
Ensign Jim Brendel throws clay pigeons up while Seaman Tim Appalbaum shoots them down during a morale Skeet Shoot!



The Navigation Team hoists different flags, each with a different meaning, during a flag signaling drill.



The Boatswain's Mates gather round to plan a navigation evolution.



Members of A-Gang (Auxiliary Division) don't mess around!

Patrol Pictures



It's alright, we all have bad days!



Hey look, it's Miss DeMarco with Miss "Amazon" Crump!



HARRIET LANE sailors enjoy some karaoke at the Tiki Bar in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Well hello there, Fellas! Nice to see you too!

Advancements, Awards & Qualifications



Electrician's Mate Chief Barbara Vakselis receives a Letter of Commendation!



Chief Operations Specialist Aaron Presson getting his Temporary Cutterman's pin!



Electronics Technician Third Class Kenneth Shellenberger receives a Good Conduct Award!



Seaman Apprentice Joseph Holland is advanced to Seaman!

Advancements, Awards & Qualifications Con't.

Inport Officer of the Deck

ENS Jim Brendel
ETC Derek Campbell

Inport Engineer Officer of the Watch

EM1 Daniel Orlando

Underway Engineer Officer of the Watch

EM1 Daniel Orlando
EMC Barbara Vakselis

Basic Damage Control PQS

ENS Kevin Novick
YN1 Sara Powell
FS1 Jill Cete
ET2 Steven Kelly
FS3 Jen Huston
SN Darren Diobilda
SN Kelsey Lambert
SN Lindsey Bourke
SA Shannon Cass

Temporary Cutterman

OSC Aaron Presson

Helicopter Control Officer

OSC Aaron Presson

Advanced Damage Control PQS

ENS Noëlle DeMarco
ENS Kevin Novick
YN1 Sara Powell
GM2 Nathan Shook
MK3 Julianne Martin
SN Nick Morle
SA Shannon Cass

Fuel Oil Water King

FN Christopher Lelyo

Inport Security Watchstander

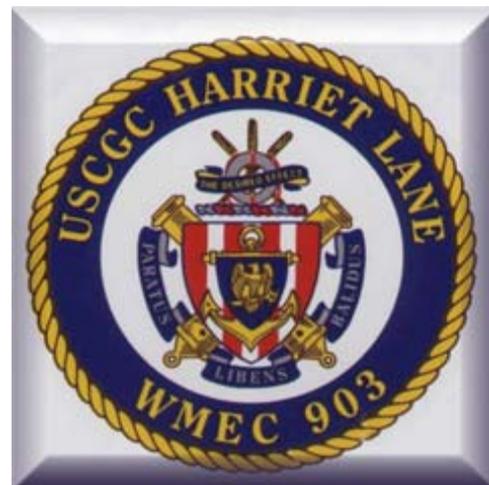
SA Shannon Cass

CIC Watch Stander

OSC Aaron Presson
GM3 Chris Carney

Auxiliary Watch Stander

ENS Tim Cassel
FN Christian Heming



Left: Electronics Technician Second Class Corey Perro receives a Good Conduct Award!



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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.

End of Course Tests

MK3 End of Course Test
FN Jose Tamayo

Enlisted-Professional Military Education E4
SN Joel Brosius

Ports of Call

Ω 27 Aug 2010: Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

Ω 10 Sept 2010: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Ω 28 Sept 2010: Miami, Florida

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE THIS ISSUE POSSIBLE:

YN3 Tyler Pepin
OS3 Raul Roman
OS2 Colin Reinert

A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER:
Dear Family and Friends,

This past June I relieved Ensign Cate Gillen as Public Affairs Officer. I would like to thank her for all the wonderful work she put into Shore Ties over the past year. She has set me up for success as the new PAO. I hope you continue to enjoy seeing pictures and reading stories about your loved ones in these newsletters. If you would like to provide feedback, please feel free to email me at the address listed above. We look forward to returning home to you soon!

Sincerely,
Ensign Noëlle DeMarco

End of Patrol Shout-Outs!

Courtney Logan and Haley, almost done see you soon. Daddy loves you and misses you lots. Dad, Mom, Greg, Renee and Mackenzie see you soon we will have a blast. To the rest at home I love you too and miss you lots. Mike

Hey dad, jess and jdubs! Just wanted to say hi and that I cant wait to come home. Jess congrats on being class president and Jonathan congrats on getting your permit. I love and miss you guys!

This first patrol has been quite an experience for all of us. Thank you for being strong Corey, Asis, Emil, Tai and my strength, Jodi. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

To the Brassfield family thank you for the support and love only a family can give and to my midget Jocelynn can't wait to get home and spend time with you. To my true friends time fly's bye but the memories we have will never be forgotten.

To Brandy, Austin, Emma, and Tucker: Daddy loves and misses you all, and can't wait for pizza and movie night!

To the 3 most beautiful girls in the world, Shannon, McKynzi, and Brighton: I can't wait to see your smiling faces on the pier! I love you very much, Daddy

Mother... yes I am okay... no I haven't done anything stupid... I did bring my camera... no I can't send the pictures right now... also I love you. -zachery

By the time you see this, I might already be home. It's not your name written in shells on the beach, but I love you more than that guy anyways! Kurt

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Patrick, Christine, Hunter: Will be seeing you all soon! Love and miss you! XOXO

Hi Susan, Maci and Kyle, I miss you all very much and can't wait to see you. Save some apples and tomatoes for me! Love, Daddy

Mom, Dad & Girls- thanks for keeping the emails coming and brightening my day! Can't wait to see you soon. Love, Noëlle

Josh-I can't wait to see you! XOXO I love you, Noëlle

Ling, it's almost over! I can't wait to be able to pick up the phone and dial your number. I look forward to your visit to Va!

Hi Elizabeth and William! I can't wait to see you and go on our trip! I am proud of both of you for doing so well in school and I am looking forward to giving you both a big HUG. KMC 143 always, thank you for being so strong.