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# MOHAWK MONTHLY



MOHAWK brought in the New Year with lots of training, watchstation qualifications, and preparations for our CART inspection in February. In between our hard work, we managed to squeeze in a few good port calls and a couple of morale events. The weather on the high seas has been warmer than all of you, our family and friends, have experienced in Key West, however, we have been battling with rough seas. We look forward to finishing up our job out here and returning home!



**Top:** OSC Halliday, MKC Torres, ME2 Wolf, IT3 Rodriguez, FN Smith, SN Williams, IT3 White, SN Cline, ENS Ohle, BM3 Fisher, SNBM Jordan, BM3 Waller, FN Grimes, SN Duval, Bm3 Castro, OS2 Andzelik, ENS Murray & SN Hicks after a game of softball against MSST Los Angeles in GTMO.

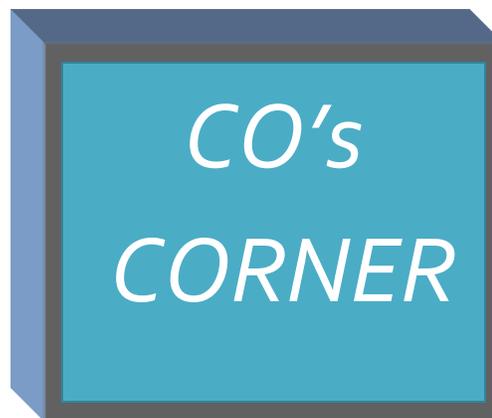
**Bottom Left:** ENS Fogarty, ENS Baladad, and LTJG Burnett in the galley preparing pizza.

**Bottom Right:** OS1 Carroll & ET1 Knights having a sauce war as they wait for pizzas to cook in the oven.

# SANTA VISITS MOHAWK



Every member of MOHAWK got their chance to sit on Santa's lap. The two most memorable guests Santa had join him that morning were SN Nordstrom( left) and SNBM Jordan (right). SN Nordstrom could not resist but to revert back to his childhood days as he clinched Santa and showed his love and for the holiday season. When SNBM Jordan was called up to sit on Santa's lap he took a running start and leaped in the air and landed straddling Santa with a great big hug. Every crew member approached their time to sit on Santa's lap differently but each member was given an envelope with some sort of Holiday treat. Some crew members got credit to the ships store while others received liberty passes. Thank you to ET2 Harling and BM3 Castro for your help in making this event possible.



Ahoy! Greetings from a not so warm and not so tranquil Caribbean. It's a rather "fresh" day (that's ironic mariner-speak for cold, windy and "bouncy") out here. It's been a very interesting patrol for us between a great search and rescue case, a tow job that tested our seamanship and shiphandling skills – not to mention our acrobatic vessel boarding qualifications, and hosting visits from such dignitaries as Santa Claus. We missed everyone over the holidays, but we've kept very busy out here and that's made the time go by quickly; we'll be home before you know it. For New Year's Eve, we dropped our own version of the Times Square Ball – our small boat – at the stroke of midnight.

When we do get home, there will be lots of work to be accomplished as we prepare for yet more inspections; our Command Assessment of Readiness for Training (also known as "CART"), our Safety and Environmental Health assist visit (known as "SMART – I don't quite know where *that* acronym comes from), and our administrative compliance inspection (since this is a family website, I won't share with you the name we have for that inspection). All of this work will be addressed AFTER your friends and loved-ones have had some time to rest and spend some quality time off the ship. Maintaining the crew is as important as maintaining the ship. There is information in this edition of the newsletter about the Coast Guard Ball in February – it should be a great time, and an opportunity to get all gussied-up (something you don't get to do very often in Key West) and have some fun together.

Enjoy the pictures and stories in this issue of the newsletter – our editor, ENS Trish Ohle, lead photographer FN Rebekah Runner, and our crew contributors are doing a great job of sharing our adventures with you. If there is something you'd like to see included, drop us a note at the webpage here and let us know about it.

OK... my stomach is telling me it's time to quit staring at the computer screen while riding a bucking bronco. I'm out!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Wow I can't believe it is already 2010 and the holiday season is behind us along with this patrol. I know it was not easy to be apart from your loved ones but we are almost done now and we will be home before you know it!

The patrol was not as faced paced as some of our previous deployments but we did have an opportunity to do most of the missions the Coast Guard performs on a daily basis. We had a successful search and rescue case that allowed us to rescue 3 stranded American sailors and get them back home to their families. We worked a counter-narcotics case that assisted in keeping drugs off of our streets. Even for a brief moment, we were tasked for migrant interdiction, so all in all not a bad patrol.

We enjoyed only 2 port calls this trip. 4 days in San Juan Puerto Rico, a port that MOHAWK has not been to in quite sometime. It allowed a few of our crewmembers the opportunity to spend Christmas with their families and friends. Of course we went to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a 3 day stop for logistics and liberty. The crew had a B-B-Q on the beach and played some flag football and even had a pick up softball game with the Port Security Unit. For being gone over the holidays, everybody seemed to be in good spirits for the most part. Now with such a short time left, everybody is getting excited to return home. The seas really have not been to cooperative for the whole patrol. It has not been the calm Caribbean seas we are all used to, so Key West will be a welcome site!

Holiday patrols are always the roughest ones to get through but we made it. For some of us the New Year brings transfers and new faces. So for all of you getting ready to leave this year, transfer season is only 5 months away, I hope you get one of your top choices. I actually hit my 19 year mark on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, so I to have some big decisions to make, as fast as the past year went, I will be at my 20 year mark before you know it.

We are glad to be back where we belong! We will be rounding that turn by Mallory Square really soon. I hope to see a good turn out on the pier to welcome back all of your loved ones. I know we all missed you. Until the next time, enjoy the in port! Thanks again for the sacrifices you have made over the holidays.

As always if you have any questions please email me: [anthony.j.edwards@uscg.mil](mailto:anthony.j.edwards@uscg.mil)

It's good to be home!!!

# Congratulations on your Qualifications

ENS Baffer	Engineer of the Watch
ENS Fogarty	Underway OOD
ENS Ohle	Underway OOD
MK2 Tomlinson	Machinery
DC3 Jones	Underway Security
SN Duval	Helm and Lookout
FN Singer	Underway Security

## Boarding Team Members

ENS MURRAY

ENS OHLE

ENS SKORDINSKI

BM1 LOWRY (RECERT)

ME1 VAN RIPER (RECERT)

ME3 PUMO (RECERT)

SNBM JORDAN

SN HICKS

SN LASTER

SN MORGAN

SN ALEJANDRO



## Maritime Enforcement Specialist Rating



**Above:** ME<sub>3</sub> (MK) Pumo, From ME<sub>1</sub> (GM) van Riper, ME<sub>3</sub> (MK) Copper, and ME<sub>2</sub> (BM) Wolf four of MOHAWK's finest lateraled to Maritime Enforcement Specialists. Missing from the photo is ME<sub>2</sub> Mikelaitis who lateraled from ET<sub>2</sub>.

On January 1, 2010 five of our Mohawk sailors made the lateral from their legacy rates to the Maritime Enforcement Specialist rating. The Maritime Enforcement Specialist is the newest rating for the Coast Guard. It was created to enhance the agency's capabilities to carry out Maritime Law Enforcement and Maritime Homeland Security missions.

Maritime Enforcement Specialists will serve as a cadre of professionals well grounded in a broad range of subject areas including security, anti-terrorism force protection, as well as traditional maritime law enforcement. Their duties will include carrying out maritime law enforcement boarding's, executing advanced interdiction missions, maintaining unit law enforcement gear, developing unit force protection plans, coordinating interagency operations, and delivering small arms and unit law enforcement training.

ME's will be assigned to Sectors, CG Police Departments, large Cutters, training teams, instructor positions, and stations (Level 1 and MLE designated stations). They can also look forward to assignment to Deployable Specialized Forces (DSF) including TACLETs, MSSTs, MSRT, & PSUs.



# SATURDAY NIGHT PIZZA

Saturday nights onboard the MOHAWK give the cooks and mess cooks a break and allow different members of the crew to have some fun in the galley. Each Saturday a different rank is in charge of providing pizza and wings for their shipmates. Some ranks were a little more skilled in the kitchen than others. Rumor has it the officers need some practice in the kitchen. We anxiously await to taste the pizza the FN and SN will prepare next Saturday.

**Top:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Petty Officers, IT<sub>3</sub> Rodriguez, EM<sub>3</sub> Chou, DC<sub>3</sub> Jones, IT<sub>3</sub> White, ME<sub>3</sub> Pumo, & ME<sub>3</sub> Copper, cooking pizza for their shipmates.

**Middle:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officers, EM<sub>2</sub> Diggs, DC<sub>2</sub> Aspuru, HS<sub>2</sub> Gomez, ME<sub>2</sub> Wolf, ET<sub>2</sub> Harling & OS<sub>2</sub> Andzelik, having fun in the kitchen preparing dinner!

**Bottom Left:** SK<sub>1</sub> Valentin & DC<sub>1</sub> Moore preparing to serve their shipmates pizza.

**Bottom Right:** CDR Hendrickson and CDR Driscoll singing in the kitchen while the pizza is in the oven!



# Puerto Rico

When the MOHAWK finally moored up in Puerto Rico the crew was anxious to scope out the area and relax with their friends during the holiday season. Puerto Rico's beautiful landscape along with tourist shops, crewship terminal, surfing, and hiking trips ensured the crew had plenty to keep them busy during our visit. The crew also was able to help CDR Driscoll, LTJG Burnett, LTJG Flores, and LTJG Gooden celebrate their promotion during their wetting down at Senior Frogs.



**Top Left:** SN Williams and ME2 Wolf doing a Michael Jackson dance off.

**Top Right:** SN Williams, BM3 Fisher, OS3 Jones and OS3 Henry enjoying liberty.

**Middle:** The beautiful coast line of Puerto Rico.

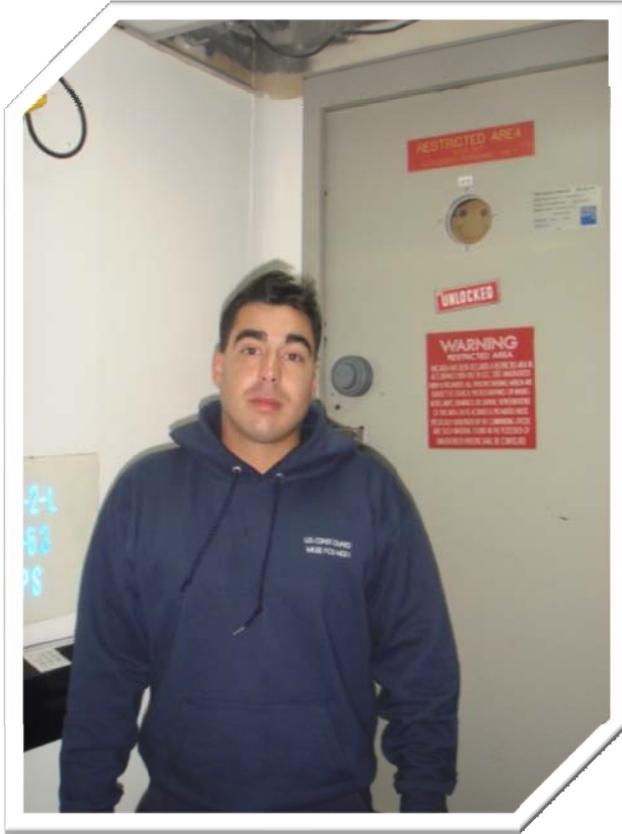
**Bottom Left:** ENS Ohle, LTJG Godden, Katie Godden, and CDR Driscoll sporting the Senior Frogs sombreros.

**Bottom Right:** LTJG Burnet and ENS Murray relaxing on liberty.

# GTMO MORALE



GTMO is one of the Morale Committees favorite spots to stop during a patrol. The athletic complex coupled with various beaches and pavilions makes it easy to plan events for the crew to enjoy. ET2 Harling organized a beach BBQ and volleyball game which several crew members attended. It gave everyone the chance to relax and hang out with one another while not confined to the ship. Some swam while others played volleyball and cards. But as the sun began to set and it became chilly and everyone helped to start the bonfire (a legal one, of course!). On the other days we were in GTMO the crew played flag football and softball together. MSST Los Angles found out the MOHAWK was in port and challenged us to a softball game under the lights. While many of MOHAWK's finest athletes represented us well on the field others were there to support their shipmates.



***WELCOME  
ABOARD***

### **ET3 Gregory Lugo**

I would like to start off by saying hello and introducing myself with a little background of what I did before I joined the Guard. Before joining the Coast Guard I went to the University of Texas San Antonio for electrical engineering. I have worked 5 years in the great state of Texas in the restaurant business working from the back of the kitchen to waiting tables. I have played baseball for 16 years and was a swimmer and diver in high school and part of college. I love to play golf on my free time though. I joined the Guard in October of 07; graduated boot camp on my birthday December 28, 2007. From boot camp I went straight to ETA school. From "A" school went straight to MK-92 "C" school for a year and a half. I am now currently stationed on the MOHAWK. I just want to let everyone know that I am not your typical ET. I would much rather get my hands dirty working on some mechanical gear like the engine of my car (96 Honda Civic Turbo Charged). I have a little experience behind me since I built my first truck at the age of 15. Besides that I am a really laid back guy that just likes to go the beach and chill whenever I get the opportunity.

# Newest Addition

**Aiken Thomas Bodie**

*Newborn son of DC1 Bodie*



Aigerim and Aaron Bodie are the proud new parents of a new baby boy. Aiken was born at 0551 on November 24, 2009 at Keys Medical Center. He was 8 lbs 3oz and 21 inches long.

# Classifieds

Hi Megan, Jasmine, and C.J.

I miss all of you including Chopper and can't wait to come home and play with you. Daddy loves you with all his heart. Muah! ;)

Hey All! Hope you had a great Christmas and New Years. I love you and miss you so much! How's the chicken? Hope the New Year was brought in with some company!

LOVE YOU!

Trish

Hola mi familia! I really miss you and I wish I could be there with you for the holidays. I would like for you to remember that, though I am not physically present, we will always be united through the spirit of Jesus Christ. I love you and wish to you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



# And the cards and letters keep on coming!

Over Christmas MOHAWK received dozens of holiday greeting cards and letters from people across America courtesy of the Military Wives & Mothers Network in Cumberland, NC.

One of the letters was from Willa who is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader and member of the Busy Bluebirds 4-H Club in South Dakota. She told us about her dogs, Jake and Josie, how she enjoys roller blading and wished us a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

Thanks to Military Wives & Mothers Network, Willa, and all of the other kind people who shared some holiday greetings with us as we patrolled the Caribbean at the "tip of the spear". Your kindness made the season bright for 100 Coasties serving far from home and loved ones.

*Join other Coast Guard friends and families by attending the Coast Guard Ball on 19 February 2010*



*Fifth Annual Florida Keys  
Coast Guard Ball  
2010*



*Casa Marina*  
1500 REYNOLDS STREET  
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

*19 February 2009*

*Cocktail Hour on the Beach. 1730-1830*

*Dinner & Entertainment in the Keys Ballroom. 1830-2300*

**CG BALL RAFFLE ITEMS:\***



*40" 1080p HDTV  
with a Wall Mount,  
Blue Ray DVD  
Player &  
Speakers!*



*Spear Gun!*



*Wii!*

*\*You will get one free raffle ticket with your Ball ticket purchase. Must be present to win. You can purchase more raffle tickets for \$2 each, or 6 tickets for \$10.*

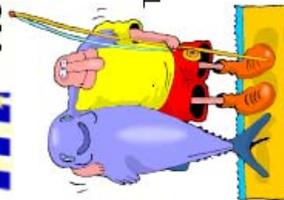
<i>Ticket Pricing Chart*</i>	<b>Regular Ticket Price</b>	<b>Ticket + Bravos</b>	<b>Ticket + Black Tie</b>
E-3 and Below	\$10	\$20	\$50
E-4	\$15	\$30	\$60
E-5 to E-6	\$30	\$45	\$65
E-7 to O-4	\$45	\$55	\$75
O-5 and Up	\$50	—	—
Civilians	\$45	—	—

*\*The legacy rule for military couples is no longer in effect—even if you are both in the military and one wears their uniform, the other has to pay the above prices to wear Black Tie*



## Activities at NASKW

Jan. 11, 2010



### All Hands Fishing Trips Jan. 15 & 22

Tickets at ITT - \$45 per person includes trip on Tortuga Fishing Charters, transportation to boat, food, fishing pole, fishing license and gratuity.

Passengers will meet at 8 a.m. at ITT. The boat returns at 1 p.m. Call 293-4173/4174 for info. Seating is limited to 35 passengers! Sign up early!

### MWR hours on Martin Luther King Holiday

MWR will be following holiday hours on Monday, Jan. 18.

Administrative offices will be closed; recreational & food services will be on shortened hours. Call the facility for specific hours.

- Boca Chica Fitness Center: 0900-1700.
- Beach Patio Recreation Center & Fitness Center: 1000-2300.
- Sigsbee Recreation Center & ITT: 0800-1700.

### Navigator's Bar & Grill – Fish Fry with music by Zack Seemiller. 1700 Jan. 15.

#### Fleet & Family Support Center

Open: 0800-1600. Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri; 1200-1600. Thurs

Resume Writing – Tuesday, Jan. 12, 0900-1000, FFSC.

CFS Training (Class 1 of 5) – Thursday, Jan. 14, 0800-1600, Building A515, Boca Chica.

Martin Luther King Holiday – FFSC closed.

Understanding Anger – Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1000-1100, FFSC.

CFS Training (Class 2 of 5) – Thursday, Jan. 21, 0800-1600, Building A515, Boca Chica.

Command INDOC – Jan. 25-29, 0730-1600, Building A515, Boca Chica.

Ombudsman Assembly – Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1800-1930, FFSC.

Call 293-4408, ext. 28, to enroll.

The MWR Activities sheet is online at <https://www.cnrc.navy.mil/keywest>

## Comics on Duty Jan. 17

MWR & ATT are once again pleased to sponsor the Comics on Duty Tour on Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Sunset Lounge. The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are free to MWR-eligible patrons and can be picked up at Sunset Lounge. Seating is limited! No reserved seating! A pre-performance buffet is available for \$10 - buffet tickets must be purchased in advanced. Call 797-1135.

*This is an adult-themed program!*



## MWR Winter Concert – “Decadent Nation”

The Missouri-based band will perform Jan. 30 from 1430-1700 at the Sunset Lounge on Sigsbee.

The concert is free!

## Gouge

Trumbo Pool is closed for upgrades. The project is expected to last approximately two weeks. We apologize for the inconvenience!

H1N1 Vaccinations available at Navy Branch Health Clinic for active duty and their beneficiaries aged 6 months and older. Call NBHC at 293-4850/4858. The vaccine is also available at the Key West Health Department at the Gato Building and at Walgreens.

New Hours of Operation for the Post Office on Boca Chica - as of Jan. 11, the retail hours are 0800-noon Monday through Friday. For information, call Debbie, x2406.

## Carry on!

### Runway Grill

#### Lunch Buffet menu

- Monday – Sweet & sour chicken
  - Tuesday – Baked ziti
  - Wednesday – Beef stroganoff
  - Thursday – Chicken fried steak
  - Friday – Fish sandwich
- 1100-1300, \$6, (includes drink). 293-2116.  
Healthy wraps & salads available!

### Beachside Grill specials

- Monday – Santa Fe Burger
  - Tuesday – Creole chicken gumbo
  - Wednesday – Shrimp & roasted corn chowder
  - Thursday – Italian chicken
  - Friday – Crab stuffed tomato on mixed salad
- Beachside Grill is in the Beach Patio Recreation Center. Truman Annex. The grill hours are 1030-1400 Mon-Fri. The Deli case is always open. Call 293-5282.

\*Activities at NASKW is a publication of NAS Key West MWR; for information, call 293-2503.