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OP HANDCLASP: Casita de Mausí

COMREL Participants: FN Hodell, FN Montalvo, FN Harn, SK3 Shelton, AMT2 Phillips, HS2 Gomez, DC2 Bodie, BM2 Wolf, SK1 Valentin, MK1 Tolliver, MK1 Caropepe, MK1 Huber, FSC Hoffpauir, LTJG Rice, LTJG Turner, LT Schurke, LCDR Workman, LCDR Driscoll and CDR Hendrickson!



During MOHAWK's recent port call, 19 MOHICANS donated their time to a local Panamanian Church and a program called "Casita de Mausí". Historically, chemotherapy patients would travel into Panama City to receive treatment and be too tired to return to their homes so they would sleep on the steps of the church. Casita de Mausí established lodging for anyone too weary to make the trip home. We assisted the church with cleaning out a large basement. MOHICANS worked tirelessly to take up old carpeting and scrape old floor glue

so by the end of the day it looked like we had put down a brand new tile floor. We also painted windows and walkways, cleaned the furniture, and hung several doors. The DC's helped troubleshoot leaky pipes. There was so much work to be done, the Pastor of the church was thankful for the army of MOHICANS that arrived to lend a hand! The US Embassy stopped by towards the end of our day at the church and could not believe the transformation. Estimate OP successful!



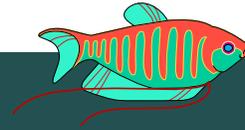
Our COMREL Helpers!

MOHAWK fitness program:



LCDR Workman, CDR Hendrickson, LT Schurke and BM2 Wolf flexing after moving a cumbersome A/C unit.

Small Town, Small Guard!



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No high school reunion would ever be as unique as two former classmates running into each other during Mohawk's current deployment. AMT2 Anthony Phillips and LTJG Marina Savannah Turner attended high school together in Puyallup, WA and graduated in 2001. From there, both of their paths went in different directions.

Anthony enlisted in the Coast Guard and was sent to Station Kauai, Hawaii to be a small boat boarding team member. He then went to Barber's Point, HI for the airmen program and attended A-school in Elizabeth City, NC to become an aviation mechanics technician (AMT). Following A-school, AMT3 Phillips was a flight mechanic on the Jayhawk (HH-60J) in Astoria, OR. Now AMT2, Phillips is an aerial gunner at HITRON Jacksonville initially flying on the Augusta Mako (MH68) and currently on the Dolphin (MH65C). As an AMT2, Phillips deploys with an aviation detachment to various Coast Guard Cutters on patrol to perform the drug interdiction and law enforcement missions. He is working on his Bachelors of Science degree in Fire Science with the plan to either attend Officer Candidate School or the Army Warrant Program as well as either service's flight school to be a pilot.

Marina attended Western Washington University, studying International Business and Spanish. She spent 2 summers at a salmon cannery in Alaska as well as held 3-4 different jobs during the school year in order to pay for college. Her sophomore year she spent a semester studying abroad in

Barcelona, Spain. In order to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a professional snowboarder, Marina followed the 5 year degree plan and took off winters from college to practice. After graduating, Marina worked for the US Forest Service as a Wild Land Fire Fighter on the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie Initial Attack Crew. It was an interagency crew that traveled throughout the southwest US, fighting summer forest fires. After fire fighting, Marina took a sabbatical and traveled throughout US, Mexico and Panama. Marina officially applied to OCS in 2007 as a homeless and unemployed college graduate. She was voted "Most Obvious Civilian" by her graduating OCS class. Marina received her first choice billet, CGC MOHAWK, and reported in December 2007 having never been on a Cutter before. At the end of this month, she is transferring to Seattle, WA to work at District 13 Command Center. Looking to the future, Marina is interested in grad school or giving back to the salmon canneries and working in CG fisheries.

Both Anthony and Marina were pleasantly surprised to run into each other after spending the last 8 years seeing the world. They graduated high school in small town Puyallup, WA and set out with different goals on the horizon only to show up on CGC MOHAWK, working together as an aerial gunner and a landing signals officer in the mission against narcotics drug trafficking.



AMT2 Anthony Phillips and LTJG
Marina Savannah Turner



Our Aerial Gunner and Landing Signals
Officer



Semper Spongebob

It's hard to believe it's been almost a month already since the last newsletter hit the streets! Let me tell you, your Mohicans have been working hard making some significant accomplishments over the past few weeks. I won't go into details, but let me just say that we will be adding one or two new stickers to our paint job upon our return home. Your Mohican can regale you with the sea stories surrounding that when we return home – now you have something to look forward to!

Among other adventures we've had, we conducted a Fueling At Sea evolution with the USNS ROBERT E. PEARY the other day. I could not have been more proud of how well the crew performed their jobs. If you are not familiar with Fueling At Sea, basically MOHAWK drives up to a US Navy ship that is more than twice our size, matches its course and speed (not an easy task) and then the Navy ship passes a fuel hose over to us which we hook up and take on fuel from – all while we are steaming along side-by-side. Did I mention "side-by-side" means about 120 feet apart? Imagine coming alongside a car on the highway and perfectly matching its direction and speed and holding that match for about two hours. Yeah.



College classes have been going great. The first "semester" ended recently and the students all did very well. It seems we have a bevy of scholars on board! I am absolutely amazed how people are able to do their work, stand watches, do boardings, chase bad guys and still have time for college. Hats off to Professor Wendling, our guest professor from Vincennes University, for his patience with our ever-changing schedule and the incessant interruptions of his classroom.



Well, it won't be long until we are heading home. It's been a great patrol thus far, but I know your Mohicans are anxious to get home and spend quality time with all of you. Me, too. My wife, Katie, will be arriving in town (hopefully with all of our furniture) when we get home. She is a new Coast Guard bride (and, yes, I made her handle the move by herself, but she's a move-ninja) and looking forward to meeting everyone – AFTER stand-down! Be well, and we'll see you all soon.





From the Command Chief



Hello again everybody, this MKC Anthony Edwards letting you know how things are going and tell you how your loved ones are doing.

Since the last time I wrote we finally had a nice 5 day port call in Panama City, Panama. It was a well deserved break for the crew of MOHAWK. There were a lot of activities and adventures for us to take part in from white water rafting to horseback riding, zip lining and even volunteering at a local church. By far the most important of course was those phone calls home!

After leaving Panama it was back to business as usual and your loved ones jumped right back into a demanding routine without skipping a beat. Between training and the regular work needed to keep MOHAWK fully operational it turns into a full time job. The crew is getting plenty of rest and spirits seem to be pretty high. Even through the busy schedule our thoughts are fixed on you back at home.

MOWAK is running great and was able to complete a diesel engine test that required her to run pretty much at max speed. She did this with no problems making it the first time in 4 years to be completed successfully. This was thanks to the many

long hours put in by the crew over the last year and the sacrifices the families have made by allowing your loved ones to spend the long hours MOHAWK needed. We also got our satellite TV working so we are not completely cut off from the rest of the world anymore. It is nice to watch sports or get the latest news.

Fathers Day is coming up so don't forget to send pop an email on that day. Those emails make all the difference in the world. The patrol is drawing to a close and soon you will see that big 913 sailing past Mallory Square and making the turn into the base. I know we are all getting excited about being back and trying to live as normal a life as we can while being stationed on board a cutter.

As always I want to thank you for the sacrifices you make by allowing your loved ones to serve our country and keep the streets just a little safer. As always if you need anything from me send me an email: anthony.j.edwards@uscg.mil and I will help out anyway I can.

Take care everybody and we will see you soon!

MKC Anthony Edwards
Command Chief
CGC MOHAWK



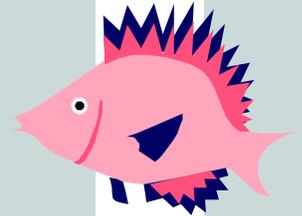
Crew Highlights



ENS Flores crowned "The Bull" after LTJG Turner was promoted to O-2!



LTJG Rice taking ranges as LT Norcross drives alongside the USNS for UNREP.



Before and after photos of Casita de Mausí



Port Call Trips - Panama City

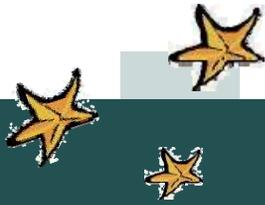


The crew participating in White Water rafting in Panama



A horse ride through the jungle - another day trip coordinated by LTJG Turner, Morale Officer





CREW PHOTOS!

For Our Family and Friends!



DC2 Bodie and FN Guthrie explaining pipe patching techniques to a group during the DC Round Robin.

Hello mom, dad, and big sis! Y'all haven't auctioned off my belongings yet have you?!!! HA Love you all! --Becka

Dear Jasmine Ann, I miss you with all my heart. I can't wait to be home with you once again. Be good for mommy! -Daddy Vega

Hey Pa, Happy father's day! Love you man - Keiron

Hola, a big kiss for you and Markie. I love you. See you Soon.

JULIO

Hey Mom, Dad, Lauren and Katie, looking forward to seeing you in Charleston! - Love, Molly

First Class Petty Officer's PIZZA NIGHT!



The Conning Officer, LT Schurke, requesting permission from CDR Hendrickson for MOHAWK to enter port for our first port call in Panama.



On Saturday, June 20th the First Class Petty Officers cooked pizza for the crew! Key players were YN1 Grix, SK1 Valentin, OS1 Carroll, and MK1 Huber. Thanks to the FS staff for making the preparations, the pizza was delicious!

Hail/Farewell

Fair Winds and Following Seas to LTJG Rice - Sector Portland Intel; LTJG Turner - D13 Command Ctr

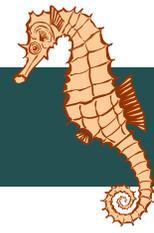
Welcome Aboard! ENS Ohle, ENS Baffer, ENS Baladad, ENS Fogarty, ENS Murray, CWO Greene, OSC Halliday, EMC Kane, OS3 Jones

Congratulations! Qualifications: **Security-** FN Hodell, MK2 Berard, FN Grimes, FN Donaldson **Boat Engineer, Throttle & Machinery Watch-** MK3 Cabrera Matos, **Basic DCPQS-** FN Grimes, SN Hartman, IT3 Rodriguez, ET3 Akers

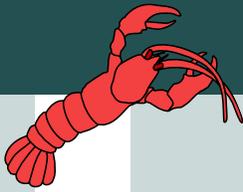


BM1 Garmany receiving his departing award. We'll miss you BM1 "Magnum P.I." Garmany!





Top left: **FS2 Saiyasak** scootering, top right: **ET2 Mikelaitis** and **IT3 White**, middle left: **SN Hartmann** after flight operations, middle right: **OS2 Vega** caught up in some trouble, bottom left: **YN2 Wakim** and **SK1 Valentin** team ship's office extraordinaire! Bottom right: **SN Jordan**, **SK2 Charles**, **SN Williams**, **IT3 Rodriguez**, **YN1 Grix** manning the fire hose during Damage Control Round Robin.



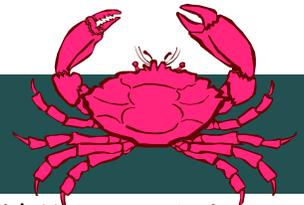
Hi! I'm **Megan Vega**, one of the 3 new Ombudsman for the CGC Mohawk.

I'm 26 years old and have been in the Coast Guard for 7 years. Philadelphia is where I was born but I am a Floridian at heart. I have recently welcomed a new member into the CG family. Her name is Jasmine Ann Vega and she is my 3 month old daughter. I am honored to hold this position as part of the Ombudsman team and as a member of the CGC Mohawk. I look forward to working with all of you.

I would like to introduce myself as one of the new Ombudsman to the Mohawk. My name is **Jessica Horine** I am 24 years old and from Fairfax, Virginia. I have a degree from Auburn University in Criminology. My husband is MK3 Anthony Horine and this past January we welcomed our first daughter Cheyenne Lauren. I am also a yeoman in the U.S. Coast Guard.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH - DECK DEPT





From Your Ombudsman Team! - Cont.

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Happy June Birthdays!

OS3 Arechiga - June 8
FS2 Saiyasak - June 8
IT3 Rodriguez - June 11
LT Norcross - June 16
EM3 Daniels - June 21

Happy Father's Day to All our Dad's!

Hello crew and family members of USCGC Mohawk! My name is Dawn and I am married, almost 15 years, to FSC Rad Hoffpauir. We have two girls Dacey, who is 13, and Riley Jae, who is 9 going on 29. I have been attached to the Coast Guard, as a spouse, for 14 years. We have been very fortunate in our Coast Guard Journey to be stationed south of Interstate 10. Anywhere north of that is considered "cold" to me. This is the third time we have been stationed in Key West and the Mohawk is our fourth cutter. Rad and I are from a small town in south Louisiana called Crowley. Our town has the nickname "Rice Capital of America" because it is a major center for rice harvesting and milling. I grew up on a farm of about 2000 acres where we worked the rice fields, soybean fields, crawfish fields, raised cattle and did a lot of fishing! My parents had one strict rule when my sisters and I started dating, your boyfriends must work the farm on the weekends if they intended to take you out. Rad has built many, many miles of fence on that farm, we dated for three years!!

I am one of six children, four girls and two boys. One of my brothers is an E7 in the Marine Corps currently deployed to Iraq. I am proud of my heritage, being half Cajun and half Italian. My religion is college football, Geaux Tigers!! My parents divorced when I was young and each remarried, which was a bonus because I have two sets of parents. The things they have taught and shown me have made me into the person I am today. I firmly believe in respect. I believe in kindness. I believe in friendship. I believe in the words "please and thank you". I have learned, over the years, everyone deserves a chance. We are all human beings that are not perfect. We tend to make mistakes and those mistakes need to be forgiven, that is how we learn to be better people. I am giving, loving, sympathetic and kind. On the other hand, I am very stern and rarely back down when I take a stand for the things I believe in.

I currently own a small business, Military Patching, for the past five years and manage a business in Key West. I was a preschool teacher for special needs for two years and I was a supervisor at a Coast Guard Exchange in Fort Myers, Florida.

My loves are my girls, my family, my freedom, the Coast Guard, boxing, saltwater fishing and LSU. I am proud to be a military wife! I thank my husband every chance I get for giving up some of his freedoms; in return, he keeps us safe and free.

In closing, I am going to share my favorite quote from a Robert Frost poem. "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

I am looking forward to working with the families and crew of the USCGC Mohawk. Semper Paratus! ~Dawn Hoffpauir