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Special points of interest:

- RESOLUTE departed TSTA with an over all score of 97% for all training teams
- RESOLUTE acted as the On Scene Command for the Carnival Fascination SAR case
- RESOLUTE intercepted two go-fast drug smuggling vessels
- RESOLUTE volunteered for a beach clean up project in Bocas Del Toro, Panama

RESOLUTE SMOKES TSTA

CGC RESOLUTE and her crew set sail on August 2nd en route to Mayport, FL to participate in Tailored Ship's Training Availability. (TSTA) TSTA is designed to hone skills and measure the crew's ability to conduct a variety of naval warfare missions. The assessment focused in the areas of damage control, engineering, navigation, gunnery, and deck seamanship. During the transit to Mayport, the damage control officer ran the ship's crew through extensive drills in preparation for an intense month of training. The crew's hard work and dedication to training proved evident in their

performance in Mayport. RESOLUTE's crew excelled in all 150 of the evaluated exercises, earning the "excellence" designation in all mission areas with an overall score of 97% for all ship-board training teams. Not only did RESOLUTE's crew excel day in and day out during drills, they found a little down time to capitalize on all Mayport had to offer. The crew attended a Jacksonville Jaguars pre-season game, supported by the ship's morale fund. Further, the

morale committee also coordinated a pizza party at Castaway's Bar and Grill. The crew took full advantage of the many activities NAS Mayport offered, including the golf course, bowling alley, fitness facilities and Castaways Bar and Grill. CGC RESOLUTE departed Mayport with a resounding job well done and fully prepared to go on patrol.



Captain's Corner

What a patrol! I couldn't be more proud of our "resolutionaries." There were many long nights, a few "white-knuckle events," some challenging situations, and a few great days in beautiful places. Each helped bring

this crew closer together and build the proficiency vital to future operations. We're glad to be home, but I know I'm looking forward to our next adventure. Many thanks to our families for their huge part in our success!



Community Relations in Panama

After a busy first two weeks of patrol and a quick transit into the operating area, RESOLUTE pulled in to Bocas Del Toro, Panama for the first port call. RESOLUTE reached out to the local community to schedule a community service project while in port. There was an overwhelming response from the crew for volunteers. Approximately 15 of the crew volunteered their liberty time to help clean up a beach for a local festival happening that week. The vice-governor of

the province of Bocas del Toro visited RESOLUTE to express his gratitude for the crew's service to the local people. It was a lot of work, but as always the crew acted as professional Coast Guard ambassadors and graciously helped out.



Carnival Fascination

After departing Mayport, RESOLUTE acted as the On Scene Commander during the 36-hour search for a passenger who fell from the Carnival cruise ship FASCINATION in the middle

"Gentlemen, we will chase perfection, and we will chase it relentlessly, knowing all the while we can never attain it. But along the way we shall catch excellence."-Vince Lombardi

of the night. RESOLUTE, as the major cutter in the area, coordinated all search efforts with the Coast Guard assets on scene. The search assets included three Coast Guard cutters and more than

five Coast Guard, National Guard, and Air Force aircraft. RESOLUTE's crew worked tirelessly searching for the person in the water and completed numerous expansive search patterns. While some debris was recovered, in the end, after a 36 hour search, the passenger was never recovered.

Next Stop, Roatan Honduras

RESOLUTE's crew pulled into Roatan Honduras for a well-deserved port call following a week and a half of patrol spending long hours on narcotic interdiction efforts, flight quarters, and emergency medical evacuations. While in Roatan, the morale committee organized several morale trips including a

snorkeling adventure and horseback riding on the beach. The crew took full advantage of these opportunities and all the West End of Roatan had to offer.



Drug Interdiction

In the Western Caribbean, RESOLUTE interdicted more than 35 million dollars worth of cocaine and saved four lives after their embarked helicopter from the Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron, based in Jacksonville, FL, spotted a drug smuggling go-fast vessel during a law enforcement patrol. During the pursuit of the go-fast in the middle of the night, four persons onboard jumped from the vessel without life jackets, in an attempt to flee. RESOLUTE's crew located all four go-fast crew members in the water and pulled them

aboard the small boats to detain them. Further, the small boat Law Enforcement teams recovered 35 bails of cocaine, weighing nearly 3,000 pounds, from the vessel in 5-6 foot seas. As the disabled vessel was a hazard to navigation on the high seas, RESOLUTE's crew safely destroyed it.

RESOLUTE also interdicted over one million dollars worth of marijuana when their embarked helicopter spotted another drug

smuggling go-fast vessel. The helicopter was able to force the go-fast crew to jettison their drug shipment before the go-fast escaped into Nicaraguan territorial waters. The small boat crews then recovered 45 bales of marijuana from the water, weighing nearly 1,500 pounds.



Grand Cayman, Swim Calls, and Advancement

During the patrol, RESOLUTE's crew enjoyed their first of two swim calls in several years. It was a well deserved break from the fast operational tempo that governed the crew's day to day lives underway. RESOLUTE also advanced, FS3 Joshua Montiel to FS2 while underway. Congratulations FS2 Montiel, well done shipmate!

With home port on the horizon, RESOLUTE pulled into Georgetown, Grand Cayman for one last port call.

While in Grand Cayman the crew ventured to Stingray City. Stingray City is a famous tourist destination where you can snorkel and swim with the stingrays who congregate on a sandbar to feed. The crew thoroughly enjoyed their stingray city experience that was organized, coordinated, and paid for entirely by the ship's morale committee. The crew also was able to meet Guy Harvey when he visited RESOLUTE for lunch on the last day. They returned to

RESOLUTE excited for the transit home after a successful patrol throughout the Western Caribbean.





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