

USCGC VALIANT (WMEC 621)

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Spring Patrol Newsletter 2013



**The Adventures of the
most VALIANT crew in
the fleet!**

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Underway

On May 14th, VALIANT departed on a month-long District Seven patrol in the Florida Straits.



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Operation BLUE HAMMER

Above: VALIANT worked with multiple surface and air assets, including Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Cuban Border Guard, to interdict migrants attempting to illegally enter the United States by sea.

Right: “Rusticas” and rafts used by the migrants were destroyed and sunk as hazards to navigation.



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How the Table has Turned

The go-to photographer, Operations Specialist Third Class Brummer likes to capture candid shots of the crew as he walks around the ship during the workday. While visiting the engineers, the camera was turned on him, with Machinery Technician Third Class Powell and Fireman Lindstedt smiling alongside.

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VALIANT Superheroes

Whether it is helicopter evolutions or alien migrant interdiction operations (AMIO), the qualified surface swimmers, Seaman Sedberry and Stalnaker, are standing by ready to take the plunge if needed.

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Always Training

Between watches, repairs, and designated professional development time, training is being conducted throughout the ship at all hours of the day.



Above: Commanding Officer Commander Burdian pays a visit to the Fly Bridge where Seaman Norton stands Lookout watch. The Lookout assists the Officer of the Deck (OOD) in ensuring the safety of the ship by reporting anything he sees or hears from one of the highest points on the ship.

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Above: Boatswain's Mate First Class Sigle held daily training for break-in and prospective boat crewmen/coxswains.



Right: Machinery Technician Third Class Rise and Glenn focus on part maintenance for the Engineering Department.

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Enlistment Extension

Lieutenant Junior Grade Canvin conducts a re-enlistment underway on the cutter boat-large (CB-L) for division-mate of two years, Boatswain's Mate Third Class Daniels, with former division-mate Boatswain's Mate Second Class Gomez as coxswain. Daniels decided to extend his enlistment for one year, renewing his dedication to the service and its missions.



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Advancement

Electronics Technician Ratterman advanced from First Class to Chief Petty Officer on June 1st. The crew assembled for a ceremony on the flight deck to bestow his “anchors” while at anchor at Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas. Below, Commander Burdian presents the advancement certificate to Chief Ratterman.



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Promotions

After 18 months of drills, break-in watches, and many study sessions, Ensigns Canvin, Mueller, Neuhardt, and Shveda earn their stripes as Lieutenant Junior Grade. The young officers chose mentors to put on their new shoulder boards in a promotion ceremony on the flight deck.

Credits

BALZAC, FRANCISCO J.	FS3	LEE, DAVID J.	ENS
BASSHAM, MATTHEW B.	SN	LEE, JAMEL D.	EM2
BIXLER, ROBERT A.	LT	LINSTEDT, MICHAEL L.	FN
BELL, TIMOTHY G.	MK2	LYONS, STEPHEN W.	FSC
BERNARNDI, ROBERT J.	CDT	MAMARIAN, JACOB C.	FN
BRADLEY, RICHARD W.	FS3	MERCADO, LUIS M.	IT2
BRUCKI, JODY L.	MK3	MILLS, MARY K.	ENS
BRUMMER, JUSTIN W.	OS3	MUELLER, TIMOTHY E.	LTJG
BURDIAN, STEPHEN V.	CDR	NEUHARDT, NATHAN D.	LTJG
CANVIN, CHRISTINA G.	LTJG	NORTON, CHRISTOPHER J.	SN
CARNEY, RICHARD V.	MKC	OSBORNE, WILLIAM A.	FN
CISNEROS, JORGE L.	SN	PADILLA, GABRIEL E.	ME3
COLUDROVICH, SHOWN A.	EM3	PACHECO, MAXIMILIAN M.	OS2
COPENING, MEGAN D.	ENS	POTRATZ, BRANDON T.	HS2
CRAWFORD, DANIEL S.	SN	POWELL, JOSHUA K.	MK3
DANIELS, CHRIS M.	BM3	PULK, KYLE R.	GM1
DIAZ, MICHAEL S.	EM3	RANKIN, SAMUEL R.	SN
DODD, NATHAN R.	SN	RATTERMAN, DAVID A.	ETC
DRISCOLL, BRIAN C.	BMC	RENDON, JOHN J.	CDT
EVERETT, SAMUEL C.	SN	RISE, LELAND L.	MK3
GAINNEY, JAMES B.	MKC	RIVERA, JAVIER R.	MK2
GAUDIOSO, DIEGO A.	MK2	RODRIGUEZ, CARLOS H.	DC1
GLENN, JOSHUA M.	MK3	ROMERO, ALEJANDRO J.	SN
GOAD, ADAM C.	MK1	ROSTECK, TANNER L.	YN1
GOMEZ, JORGE A.	BM2	RYAN, MARK S.	BMC
GOODWIN, SEAN C.	BM1	SAATHOFF, MARK A.	FN
HAGUE, JAMES L.	FS1	SCOTT, STEVEN J.	OS3
HANSON, RYAN H.	ET2	SEDBERRY, NICHOLAS F.	SN
HALL, CHARLES, W.	ENS	SHVEDA, SARAH K.	LTJG
HARTFIEL, JUSTIN R.	SN	SIGLE, JAMES L.	BM1
HEATH, FORREST J.	ENG2	SMITH, BRENDAN L.	SN
HENDRICKS, SCOTTY L.	OS1	SMITH, JUSTIN C.	LT
JONES, EDWARD H.	EMC	SOMMELLA, TIMOTHY C.	LCDR
LAMBERT, JOSEPH M.	SN	SPELZ, JACKIE G.	DC2

Credits (cont.)

STALNAKER, TAYLOR J.	SN
STEVENSON, CHRISTIAN A.	FS3
STIEREN, GRADY C.	ME2
THOMAS, DYLAN R.	SN
TORRES, EDWIN A.	SN
URRUTIA, JACOB D.	FN
VAN VALKENBURG, C.	SK3
VAUGHAN, ZACHARY T.	CDT
VILLANUEVA, JORGE A.	ET3
WAGUESPACK, TROY E.	MKC
WARD, EVAN M.	BM3
WELKER, THOMAS J.	SN
WERNER, BLAKE A.	SN

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