

BEAR TRACKS

USCGC BEAR NEWSLETTER

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District 5 Fisheries Patrol

Greetings BEAR sailors, family, and friends and welcome home after patrolling the Eastern seaboard!

While this was a short patrol, our BEAR crew was able to test and prove our competency in some of the Coast Guard's other mission sets this time around. Continuous helicopter operations in the first few days, daily multiple fisheries and safety boardings, and emergency casualty control training, the BEAR crew again showed their adaptability and high standard of performance. BEAR boarding teams worked to protect our nation's marine resources and fisheries stock and sent unsafe operators home before their unsafe operations led them to harm and worked with others to ensure all were kept safe at sea.

This has also been an influential transfer season for us. We wished many of our longest serving and closest shipmates well as they departed to other tours of duty. Meanwhile, we welcomed just as many new members into the BEAR family and have seen them quickly qualify and relieve the watch. We were joined by ME2 Burrus who helped train and augment our boarding teams and Academy cadets 1/C Grisell, 3/C Yuan, 3/C Remke, and 3/C Nethropp for the cadet summer training program.

Heading back to Portsmouth, our thoughts will be shifted from fast paced operations to the much we have to accomplish over this nine week inport period. During this inport some of us will be attending training schools, while others will continue to further their qualifications on top of the other contributions they bring to their divisions. We are of course very excited to spend this time with our family and friends back on land. Thank you again for all the support and help. You are the most important part of our Coast Guard family. You empower us to do great things!

Welcome Aboard!

CDR Shouse	MK2 Yankey
ENS Renfrow	IT2 Beard
ENS Masters	BM2 Saza
ENS Kukich	BM3 Williamson
ENS Effendi	ET3 Dubord
MKC Hendrix	SK3 Ferren
OSC Frivance	SNFS Lundy
EM1 Ditch	SN Kilroy
OS1 Badami	SN Rogers
DC1 Pique	SN Tavares
SK1 Negron	FN Rogers
IT1 Gullet	FN Dubois
FS1 Banks	FN Demeprio
MK2 Shield	

Fair winds and following seas:

CDR Meverden	IT2 Griffiths
LTJG Ludewig	SK2 Gibson
LTJG Moreno	EM3 Burns
LTJG Kenney	BM3 Prillaman
LTJG Davis	EM3 Jones
EMC Colletti	DC3 Bosley
ETC Woodbury	SN Slater
MKC Allen	SN Kane
OSC Newton	SN Horne
IT1 Connelly	SN Dervin
ET1 Moore	SN Weers
OS1 Verden	SN Barefield
MK1 Carter	SN Rodrigues
BM1 Shore	FN Rodriguez
DC1 Mangold	SN Nati
FS1 Lamm	SN Parnell
SK1 Gillespie	FN Pollard
IT2 Caruso	



FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Greetings BEAR Family and Friends,

With our patrol on its final homebound leg, I am proud to reflect on the accomplishments by your BEAR crewmembers while we were away. In just a month underway, the crew performed helicopter operations, fisheries boardings, damage control drills, and casualty control exercises.

Departing Portsmouth we completed a very successful Helicopter Standardization Assessment which left visiting evaluators with high opinions of the BEAR's crew. All aviation training teams involved performed landing, taking off, fueling and other operations with excellence. The HH-65 helicopter crew could not give more compliments, and again, this portrays the quality of work produced by our crew.

Following the Helicopter Standardization Assessment, we made a quick stop to on-loaded ammunition and fuel and then proceeded out through the Chesapeake Bay and north along the East Coast to began our primary mission enforcing marine fisheries laws and regulations. This crew, you loved ones, performed exceptionally well, completing 45 fisheries boardings. Having not exercised our fisheries boarding capabilities for a long time, I am happy to report we are now performing with great competency and confidence.

Since my own arrival this past June, I have seen many shipmates join and depart from BEAR. I have watched our newest crewmembers quickly earn qualifications under the expert guidance of seasoned shipmates. I am proud to have been able to sign so many qualification letters and particularly to have welcomed three new members as Permanent Cuttermen, an honor bestowed for 5 or more years of dedicated sea service.

We are excited to see you soon! Please enjoy this inport time with your families and the beautiful summer weather. Our mission, both underway and inport, can only be accomplished with your support. Thank you for giving it so generously, so often and so BEAR can continue to serve our great nation.

Best Regards,
CDR Gregory Shouse, Commanding Officer



QUALIFICATIONS

Underway OOD

ENS Bienlien
ENS White

Underway EOW

ENS Clarkin

Inport EOW

ENS Clarkin

Helicopter Control Officer

ENS White

Flight Deck On-Scene Leader

ENS Clarkin

Helicopter Tie-Down

IT2 Beard
BM3 Santos
IT3 White
SN Warren

Helicopter Firefighter

ENS Clarkin
MK2 Yankey
MK2 Shield
ET3 Yoder

Gangway Petty-Officer of the Watch (GPOW)

IT2 Beard
BM3 Williamson
IT3 White

CIC Watch Supervisor

OS2 Pamphile
OS3 Schiefer

CIC Watch Stander

IT2 Beard
IT3 White

Boatswain's Mate of the Watch (BMOW)

3/c Remke
3/c Nelthropp
ME3 Patterson
BM3 Williamson
SN Loughheed
SN Tavares

Helm and Lookout

3/c Remke
3/c Nelthropp
ME3 Patterson
BM3 Williamson
SN Kilroy
SN Tavares
SN Morrell
SN Rogers

Engineer of the Watch (EOW)

ENS Clarkin

Engine Room Watch

MKC Hendrix
EM1 Ditch
MK2 Shield
MK2 Yankey

Underway Security Watchstander

ENS Kukich
MKC Hendrix
DC1 Pique
EM1 Ditch
MK2 Yankey
MK2 Shield
EM3 Jordan
FN Uliasz

Inport Security Watch Stander

ENS Kukich

MKC Hendrix

DC1 Pique
EM1 Ditch
MK2 Yankey
MK2 Shield
IT3 White
MK2 Shield
EM3 Jordan
ME3 Patterson
FN Rogers

Inport Generator Watch Stander

MKC Hendrix
EM1 Ditch
MK2 Yankey
MK2 Shield
FN Peele

Fuel Oil Water King (FOWK)

MK1 Scott

OTH Davit Operator

MK2 Polley

Coxswain

BM3 Santos

Boarding Team Member

ENS Bienlien
ENS White
FS2 Majure
BM2 Saza
IT3 White
BM3 Williamson

Basic Damage Control

ENS Effendi
ENS Kukich
ENS Masters
ENS Renfrow
MKC Hendrix
DC1 Pique
EM1 Ditch
IT2 Beard
MK2 Shield
MK2 Yankey
BM3 Williamson
EM3 Jordan
IT3 White
FS3 Philbrick
ME3 Patterson
FN Rogers

Advanced Damage Control

MKC Hendrix
DC1 Pique
EM1 Ditch
FS2 Majure
MK2 Shield
MK2 Yankey
FS3 Philbrick
ME3 Patterson
FN Demperio
FN Dubois



HARD WORK PAYS OFF

SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

FS2 MAJURE (2ND QUARTER)

SN KORDES (3RD QUARTER)

PERMANENT CUTTERMEN:

LT GALGANO

ET2 KNIGHT

MK1 STOMMEL

TEMPORARY CUTTERMEN:

ENS CLARKIN

ENS WHITE

ENS BIENLIEN



ADVANCEMENTS:

ETC WOODBURY

SN EARHART

SN GAMBOA

SN HICKS

SN LOUGHEED

SN GUTSHALL

FS3 PHILBRICK

SN RODRIGUES

FN POLLARD

SN NATI

EMC COLLETTI

BMI SHORE

SN MONTES DE OCA

SN PARNELL

ET2 WILSON

ET1 MOORE



GOOD CONDUCTS:

GMC GONZALEZ



CG ACHIEVEMENTS:

EMC DANIEL

EMC COLLETTI

OSI VERDEN

BMI SHORE

SK1 GILLESPIE

MK1 CARTER

ET1 MOORE

IT2 CARUSO

SN KORDES

SEA SERVICE RIBBON:

ENS WHITE

ENS CLARKIN

ENS BIENLIEN

YN2 ALLEN

MK3 LAYDEN

SN WARREN

FN PEELE

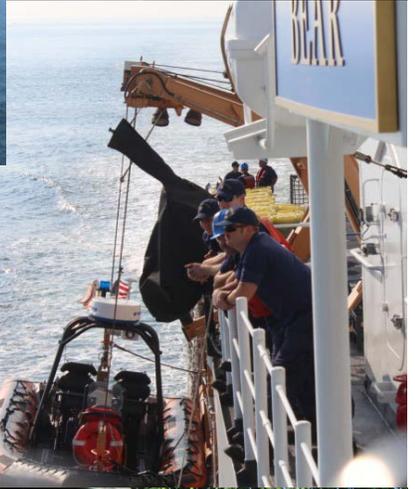
FN HARDRICK

SN KORDES



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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Starting out with a less than typical shakedown cruise, many in the Engineering Department served on the Aviation Fuel Team during BEAR's Aviation STAN Assessment. The team performed with zero discrepancies, including several cold, hot and in-flight refueling evolutions, and many compliments by the STAN Assessment team. Following this strong start, the Engineering Department led by **LT Anais Greenley**, shifted to the daily preventative maintenance routine.

Shortly after getting underway, BEAR's reverse osmosis plant developed several significant leaks. The source of the leaks were identified and repaired by **MK2 Yankee, FN Nick Demperio and FN Ross Dubois** without delay to ensure no interruption in BEAR's ability to make potable water. During small boat operations with the CB-OTH, the aft cable of the OTH boat davit became tangled around its drum because of a constant tensioning malfunction. **MK1 Chase Scott** quickly identified the problem and was able to untangle the cable, allowing the OTH to be recovered with no further error. The Auxiliary Division, led by **CWO2 Jack Dos Santos** and **MKC Geoffrey Hendrix**, looked to future projects to improve the cutter's capabilities. Both CWO2 Dos Santos and MKC Hendrix were also sought out by the entire department for creative solutions or new energy to an otherwise routine dilemma. New members of the Auxiliary division **ENS Sarah Kukich, MK2 Yankee**, and **FN Trent Rogers** have already lightened the watch rotation with their qualifications and hope to soon lighten the work load of one of the busiest divisions aboard BEAR.

The Main Propulsion Division led by **MKC Michael Allen** in his last patrol, enjoyed their last watches stood with the Cuttermen aboard CGC BEAR with the most sea time. After 15 years aboard in the engine rooms at sea, MKC Allen is ready to be relieved by **MKC Michael Rawlings** on 22 July 2016 as the Lead Petty Officer. During this patrol Main Propulsion Division corrected a governor linkage casualty which allowed the main diesel engines to operate at full capacity on a reliable basis. A new expert in the shop, **MK2 Luke Shield**, qualified with record speed and immediately spread his knowledge throughout the Engineering Department. Together the team of **MK1 Brett Winkelmann, MK2 Shield,**



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (CONT.)

MK3 Camden Carie, MK3 Andrew Pipak, FN Jacob Uliasz, FN Karson Hardrick, FN Anthony Perednas and FN Jeremy Peele, worked to keep the engine room running efficiently and reliably. **MK1 Winkelmann** will be missed in the shop as he heads to his next unit, but we wish him the best!

On the Electrician's Mate side of the house, new energy and a great sense of humor came with the arrival of **EM1 Michael Ditch**. System grooms were performed on speed and load sharing devices for both of the ship's service generators. Their work led to improved operation of the generators and therefore of engine room capabilities. Additionally, **EM2 Kevin Fremming, EM3 Charles Jordan, and EM3 Tyler Burns** worked to make daily improvements to the sound powered phone circuit, casualty power runs, and lighting throughout the ship. Having touched every system onboard, this team is excitedly awaiting their new shop Chief to arrive in August, as **EM3 Burns** will also be departing to his next unit.



Additionally, the shop is celebrating **DC3 Pulgarvidal's** Spanish translator qualification and **ENS Clarkin's** Engineer of the Watch Qualifications this patrol. Both qualifications have taken dedication to obtain and will help to again bring competency to the entire crew. Meanwhile, the team worked extensively on a clogged drain that was leaking into radio, which required tearing apart the Engineer Officer and Executive Officer staterooms to fix just one section. The division also honed their efforts on the challenging installed aqueous film forming foam system, with pumps, hoses, and valves taken apart in the process. While the division said farewell to **DC1 Mangold** and **DC3 Bosley**, a new division chief will be reporting soon to support their training based mission.

Up in the log office, **MK1 Edward Stommel** kept the watch rotation running smoothly, parts being ordered, and coordinated the majority of the department's qualification boards using his own depth of knowledge. As a Fuel Oil and Water King himself, along with the efforts of **MK2 Andy Pipak** and **MK3 Camden Carie**, all evolutions went as quickly and smoothly as possible keeping BEAR topped off on fuel and ready to conduct operations.

On top of all of the activity, **MK1 Scott** and **MK3 Carie** participated in nearly every boarding, while **MK2 Polley** used his qualification as the newest small boat davit operator for their launch and recovery. These boardings varied in time and frequency, but on top of their regular work schedules Auxiliary and Main Propulsion Divisions, the crew was overall impressed with their stamina. The relentless spirit and high level of proficiency by all three was noteworthy and a source of pride for all of us engineers.



OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

CGC BEAR completed a very successful District 5 patrol, spending three weeks conducting Fisheries Law Enforcement and ensuring safety of life at sea. The patrol started with a few days of Helo Stan which included the successful completion of numerous helicopter operations such as Vertical Replenishment and In-Flight Refueling, getting multiple crewmembers qualified as Helicopter Control Officer, Landing Signal Officer, and tie-down personnel. Switching gears, the execution of at least three fishery boardings a day began. This mission could not have been completed without the expertise and dedication of the members of the Operations Department. Led by **LT Vic Galgano**, Operations Department personnel played a pivotal role in the boarding and occasional termination of upwards of 40 fishing vessels off the coasts of North Carolina to New York.

WEAPONS DIVISION – Cutter Bear’s Weapons Division has exemplified stamina, proficiency, and diligence this patrol. Prior to getting underway **Maritime Enforcement Specialist Second Class Burrus** joined the Bear family to provide law enforcement expertise, and training. Her prowess in the realm of fishery operations has proven to be a force multiplier in the protection of living marine resources. Falling outside her scope of responsibility she further endeavored to assist the Weapons Division by earning a Duty Gunnersmate qualification.

After a careful analysis of Bear’s law enforcement training program **ME3 Patterson**, and **GM2 Hoff** implemented a new method of tracking, and facilitating training. Consisting of daily blocks of instruction conducted by ME2, and ME3, Bear’s enforcement arm has received training of the highest standard. Reflective of this new program GM2, ME2, and ME3 successfully qualified three new boarding team members. Additionally there are ten new members making significant strides in their initial law enforcement qualifications. Their dedication to providing an outstanding level of training has increased Bear’s readiness, and versatility in the realm of law enforcement operations.

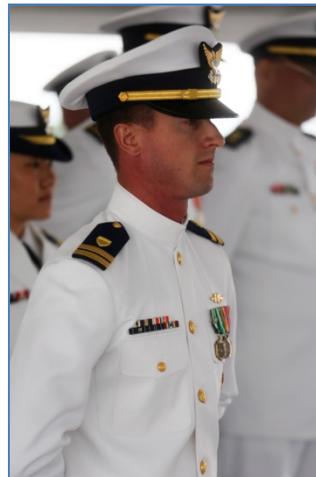
For the first time in his career **GM2 Ross** has been conducting fishery boardings. Though not in the scope of his responsibility, his dedication to Bear’s crew, as well as to the boating public compelled him to expand his level of expertise to the realm of law enforcement. His eagerness, coupled with an open mind has allowed him to excel as one of Bear’s “go-to” boarding team members.

In an effort to maintain a high degree of proficiency in the realm of surface warfare operations,

Weapons Division has been arduously working on Bear’s Navy Type Navy Owned weapon systems for a gunnery exercise schedule for the end of the patrol. The awe inspiring defensive, and offensive capabilities of Bear in a tactical scenario rest largely on the exemplary condition of these systems. The notion of Bear’s deployment into a hostile environment is made immeasurably safer due to Weapons Division’s stalwart efforts.

From an operational perspective Weapons Division has led the way contributing to over 40 boardings). Tallying 15 safety violations, 04 fishery violations, and 02 terminations, the waters, and living marine resources associated with Elephant Trunk and Hudson Canyon are well protected. These efforts greatly contribute to the safe operation of the fishing industry as well as the continued well being of marine habitats.

COMBAT DIVISION – The OS division has had an amazing patrol to say the least. The OSs are welcoming **OS1 Badami**, **OSC Frivance**, and **ENS Effendi** to the freezing cold, blue lighted home that is known as Combat. Congrats to **OS3 Schieffer** and **OS2 Pamphile** on qualifying as CIC Supervisor. The OS division has steadily been producing great work including daily SITREPs and Intel & Weather Briefs, along with numerous LE SITREPs and Field Intel Reports. The OSs were commended by D5 DRE for their timely Field Intel Reports. BEAR was noted to be the first cutter to provide Field Intel Reports without an Intel Specialist onboard! The OS division looks forward to future challenges and is fully prepared to take on any mission!



OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT (CONT.)

ELECTRONICS DIVISION - A strong and dedicated group of shipmates, BEAR's ELEX division had great achievements during the Summer patrol. Veteran BEAR Technicians **ETC William Coffey** and **Jennifer Woodbury**, **ET1 Mark Regier**, **ET2 Anthony Impeartrice**, **ET2 Stephen Knight** and **ET2 Patrick Wilson** sailed for another patrol, continuing their time on BEAR solving electrical issues with innovative repairs and workarounds. The ITs continued to provide excellent technical support to the crew, making repairs to computers and managing networks, making all effort to maximize underway internet connectivity. We are saying farewell to **IT1 Connelly** separating from the Active Duty Coast Guard and moving onto a new chapter in his life. Also **ETC Woodbury**, newly advanced to chief, will be departing BEAR. Congratulations on another successful patrol, Operations Department!



NAVIGATION- The Nav Team, led by **ENS James White**, was very eager to welcome two new members, **BM3 Jenny Williamson** and **ENS Monét Masters**. After being in dry dock for a number of months, the Nav Division ensured the BEAR's bridge looked pristine before getting underway. This included work varying from painting the ceiling to preparing all the charts necessary for the patrol. We would like to congratulate **BM3 Williamson** on her numerous qualifications (Basic DC, Helm & Lookout, BMOW, and GPOW). Her new proficiencies have done nothing but aid the BEAR during its daily operations.



The hard work only continued with the countless number of fishery boardings **BM2 Erik Daigle** and **BM3 Daniel Pickering** completed. This did not stop them from standing taught watches as the OOD and QMOW, respectively. Our team is excited to continue this momentum of operational proficiency while in port!



OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT (CONT.)



DECK – Deck Division welcomed eight new members to our ranks for this patrol. Welcome aboard to **3/c Nick Remke**, **3/c Gary Nelthropp**, **SN Drevyn Tavares**, **SN Justin Rogers**, **SN Rebekah Kilroy**, **SN Timothy Morrell**, and **BM2 Jorge Saza**. Your contributions have already made BEAR better with your experiences and dedication. Keep up the great work, BEAR is lucky to have you! Our members continue to strive for excellence and continue to qualify in various positions to keep BEAR in the fight. Congratulations to all those who qualified as Helm and Lookout, Master Helmsman, Boatswain's Mate of the Watch, Coxswain, Boat Crewmember, Boarding Team Member, Basic and Advanced Damage Control, and Inport Security. Shaking off the dust from dry dock, and continually mining for the Collanas Gold, Deck Force continued to maintain BEAR's professional appearance and augment her watch stations, keeping a watchful eye on the bridge as well as participating in boat and helicopter evolutions. Each team member stood extra watches during our law enforcement activities to make sure BEAR could function and safely navigate while most of our members were on the boarding team and the small boat crews. These complex evolutions demonstrate the importance of diversifying qualifications and being able to fill in wherever we can to complete the mission. This patrol we say goodbye to **SN Hicks**, **SN Gutshall**, and **LTJG Moreno**. Fair winds and following seas shipmates! It has been a pleasure sailing with you. You will always be our shipmate! As the patrol winds down, we yearn for the company of our friends and family and cannot wait to get home and enjoy some much needed rest and relaxation. We would like to thank our extended BEAR family for staying strong at home while we completed our mission. We would not be where we are without you and we cannot wait to see you!



SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

Our support department, led by **CWO Mark Tahtinen**, had an amazing event filled 108 Day Dry Dock followed by a Short Patrol working for District Five. The Storekeeper (SK) division was in high gear this period. **SK2 Catalioto** and **SK2 Gibson** moved 2 complete storerooms from the Cutter to a storage container on Base Portsmouth and back again. In addition to, ordering supplies needed for various projects for preservation throughout BEAR, adding several more years to her life. As true shipmates, SK2 Catalioto and SK2 Gibson stood numerous hours on the bridge as Quarter Masters of the Watch, as others were able to do boarding and law enforcement missions at a moment's notice. Meanwhile, **SK1 Gillespie** worked from Base Portsmouth during the Dry Dock and patrol ensuring that parts were delivered to BEAR and the respective divisions that requested them. **SK1 Gillespie** was assisted with purchasing the various requests that allowed BEAR to have a successful mission. We welcomed 2 new individuals to the Supply Office, **SK1 Daniel Negron** & **SK3 Brooke Ferren** and sadly said our goodbyes to **SK1 Heather Gillespie** & **SK2 Derek Gibson**.

HSC Dixon has had a busy patrol seeing and treating various ailments. As the IDHS aboard USCGC BEAR, he has worked to complete several check-in's with newly reported personnel and ensure their medical readiness was up to date so they could contribute to our mission success. He also provided Basic DC-PQS first aid training to crew members allowing them to continue their pursuit for their DC PQS qualification. His work didn't stop there as he worked ahead of time to schedule home port appointments to ensure BEAR continues to improve upon and maintain its medical readiness. A huge accomplishment was being able to get the IDHS Standard Operating Procedures manual completely electronic with the help of OS3 Corey Schiefer. This is the first time onboard BEAR that the IDHS SOP has been electronic, rendering it from a small 35 pages to a significant 233 pages in volume. This allows for easier access to policy and procedures concerning the dynamic Independent Duty Health Services Technician position.

YN2 Allen assisted over 35 new members check into BEAR this transfer season, processing PCS Departing Worksheets, Check in packets, helping members getting moving needs handled, as well as preparing multiple awards and making travel arrangements for newly reporting personnel and departing personnel.

As well as assisting with getting over 30 departing worksheets to the Servicing Personnel Office at Base Portsmouth for upcoming transfers for members that were departing BEAR. **YN2 Allen** also assisted two individuals as they transited from Active Duty into Retirement ensuring that all paperwork was in working order prior to the members' retirement after 20+ years of loyal service.

As always, the Food Service Division performed at a high standard in service of BEAR's crew. BEAR's FS division provided daily meals to over 100 crewmembers. In charge of our galley operations is **FSC Jami Wheeler**. Working closely with him is **FS2 Stephanie Majure**, always keeping food fresh, plates clean, and the Mess deck always bustling with morale. **FS3 Sirus Morin**, **FS3 Zechariah Filbrick**, and **SNFS Kellie Lundy** served dozens of platters a day, showing the adaptability needed aboard CGC BEAR. As crew members departed and returned from boardings or unloaded ammunition just as meals were intended to begin or end, the Food Service Division quickly modified their plan to accommodate everyone's operations. The additions of **SNFS Lundy** in June 2016 from Food Service Specialist "A" School in Petaluma, CA along with **FS1 Jason Banks** in July, have brought additional hands and fresh ideas to the Food Service Division team.



FROM YOUR JUNIOR OFFICERS

To the crew of BEAR,

Thank you again for another awesome patrol! Our short time at sea did not in any way hinder our capabilities in performing above and beyond during this fisheries patrol. We would not have been able to board all 30+ fishing vessels without the hard work being done on and off the small boat.

From the LTJGs: Thank you for your tireless support of us, your friendly neighborhood LTJGs. You are the subject matter experts and that have made our lives and jobs easier and more enjoyable. You taught us your areas of expertise and have shown us how to be a jack of all trades. Without you, we would not have been able to qualify on the bridge or in the engine room. You allowed us to lead you, and make BEAR a better unit...and for that we are eternally grateful.

During Patrol we all worked hard to make sea stories and enjoy our time together. Whether that was through casualty control in the engine room, flight operations, boardings, or just daily evolutions, we are all now more experienced than we were when we left the Academy. No matter what came up, we knew we could count on you to get the job done and accomplish the mission. There is no better crew out there, never has been and never will be, and it was truly an honor to sail with each and every one of you. Bravo Zulu on another great patrol and thank you for all that you have taught us. 2,000%!

From the New Ensigns: The new ensigns would like to offer an even more special thanks to everyone for their warm welcome as we joined the crew of the BEAR. Our knowledge thus far is due to your expertise and ability to teach those around you. It has been an honor to become a part of your family, and we're damn glad to be here!

GO BEAR!

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