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## From the Cabin

Greetings from HARRIET LANE! We're now on the down hill side of our patrol and everyone is looking forward to returning home to their family and friends. Since our last edition of *Shore Ties*, we've been as busy as ever with Coast Guard operations, crew training, and exercising our many shipboard bills to maintain the highest levels of cutter mission readiness. During one noteworthy Search and Rescue (SAR) case, we assisted a sailing vessel where the crew was severely fatigued and unable to make headway towards safe harbor due to an engine failure. Our Rescue and Assistance Team consisting of LTJG Andrew Heil, ENS Daniel Hilburn, ENS Caleb McWaters, ENS Frederick Pegna, ENG2 Joel Mortimer, GM1 Joshua Jacques, BM1 Tracey Pogue, BM3 Carleton Johnson, and MK3 Andrew Castengera embarked the vessel, troubleshooted the engine to identify the problem, and eventually sailed the vessel through the night arriving at a safe anchorage in St Georges Harbor, Grenada. The father and son crew of the sailing vessel were very appreciative and thank-



ful for the assistance they received. This is just one small example of the HARRIET LANE's crew getting the job done in a safe and professional manner during our patrol. They all took great pride in being able to assist our fellow mariners in distress.

We're all very much looking forward to reuniting with our families and friends following our patrol. Thank you so much for your support — we couldn't do our jobs without it!

J.W. McKinley  
Commanding Officer

## *Message from the Executive Officer*

Hello everyone. As you read this edition of Shore Ties, our crew has completed another successful patrol. Together, we disrupted multiple go-fast vessels from their ability to make their scheduled run to drop-off and pick-up contraband. Additionally, we responded to a sailing vessel in distress and made noteworthy contributions ashore during foreign port visits. The unselfishness of the crew underway and ashore is commendable to say the least.

Just as gratifying, were our achievements within the lifelines of the cutter. Our mission and operational readiness are at extremely high levels. The crew has made a concerted effort to prepare for the upcoming transfer season and beyond. The last page of this newsletter highlights the many qualifications and testing requirements completed while the crew was away from home port. As such, we have 16 crewmembers that will sit for the E5-E8 Service Wide Examinations this May09! I certainly wish them all the best as they prepare for their exam.

Looking ahead, HARRIET LANE will prepare for two major inspections that will take place this April and May. The Command Assessment for Readiness and Training will take place during the period 14-15Apr09. This comprehensive assessment will include an extensive review of the way we do business on board. We will also conduct some drills

at the pier to showcase the abilities of our training teams and our crew. Our second inspection will occur during the period 18-19May09. This inspection will focus solely on the operational readiness of our Over the Horizon boat and the assigned crewmembers. I truly believe our crew will show all inspectors "how good we are" – a modified phrase my Dad continues to say to me to inspire confidence.

Finally, I would like to use this forum to express my gratitude to Mrs. Amanda Richardson for all of her efforts as our Ombudsman. Brian and she have received transfer orders to Mobile, Alabama. I wish them and their children all the best as they make plans to relocate. Amanda has certainly done a great deal as the representative of the spouses.

Thanks again for all of the sacrifices our crew and spouses make on a daily basis such that HARRIET LANE can execute all assigned missions.

Regards,

LCDR Adam B. Morrison  
Executive Officer  
USCGC HARRIET LANE

## *Ports of Call*

Ω 20—21 February 2009

Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Ω 5—7 March 2009

Oranjestad, Aruba

## *Message from the Command Chief*

Over the next two months, the Chief's Mess will wish fair winds and following seas to three shipmates. After three years, 9 patrols, and nearly 12 years of cumulative sea duty, EMC George Rutledge will head to Training Center Yorktown to serve as an instructor at the Electricians Mate Class "A" School. His experience, knowledge, and patience make Chief Rutledge an ideal candidate for this assignment. As noted in Volume 14 of Shore Ties, GMC Wilberto Ramos will travel to Training Center Petaluma, CA, to assume the responsibility of base security. And last, but certainly not least, BMC Ed Ryan will return to his family and assignment in Delaware Bay. Thank you for sailing with us and thank you for all you have contributed to HARRIET LANE.

The Chief Petty Officer's Academy (CPOA) represents the Coast Guard's premier enlisted leadership school. The first CPOA class convened in 1982 and consisted of six Master Chief Petty Officers and four Senior Chief Petty Officers. Their class motto, "We Came with the Hope That Others Might Follow", has certainly held true. With its home in Petaluma, CA, today's CPOA graduates more than 600 Chiefs, Senior Chiefs, and Master Chiefs each year. Our own MKC Thomas Daniels will graduate from the Academy in a matter

of days and OSC Josh Tidey will arrive at the CPOA to begin his journey just days later. The Academy motto is "Altus Tendo", meaning reach higher. The course challenges each Chief Petty Officer personally and professionally while focusing on developing qualities of professionalism, leadership, communications, systems thinking, health and well-being, and lifelong learning. Senior enlisted members of the United States Air Force, as well as international students representing their respective maritime services, study side-by-side with Coast Guard men and women and contribute greatly to the CPOA experience. We look forward to welcoming Chief Daniels and Chief Tidey back from their time at the CPOA.

FSC Kipp Rice  
Command Enlisted Advisor  
Food Services Officer  
USCGC HARRIET LANE

### Members of the Chief's Mess

BMC Brian Kritz ◇ MKC David Noel  
EMC George Rutledge ◇ MKC Thomas Daniels  
OSC Jeremy Gaylord ◇ OSC Joshua Tidey  
ETC Patrick Petty ◇ GMC Wilberto Ramos  
BMC Edward Ryan



## *Department in the Spotlight*



### Operations Department

Top left to right: IT2 Whitacre, IT3 Colquhoun Jr., OS1 Miller, ET1 Monica, OS3 Reinert, OSC Gaylord, LTJG Tkacs, IT3 Blackwelder, ET3 Smith, ETC Petty, OSC Tidey, ET1 Jarvis, GMC Ramos, LTJG Himsey, GM1 Jacques, OS2 Chimko, ET3 Tucker, OS2 Martin, and ET2 Mosquera  
 Bottom left to right: ET2 Isbell, LTJG Lott, and GM2 Clafshenkel  
 Not Pictured: ENS Fillion, IT2 Gasior, and ET3 Myers

This volume we are focusing on the Operations Department in our “Department in the Spotlight” segment. The Operations Department is responsible for the collection, evaluation, and dissemination of operational and combat information required for assigned missions; for conduct of all mission related tasks assigned to the cutter; and for all matters related to the safe operation of the cutter and attached aircraft and surface units.

On HARRIET LANE, the Operations Department is led by the Operations Officer, LTJG Sean Lott. The Operations Department is broken up into four divisions: the Combat Information Center; the Weapons Division; the Electronics Material Division; and the Communications Division.

The Combat Information Center, referred to as CIC or “Combat” for short, is led by LTJG Tkacs. CIC is the command, control, and communications hub of the ship. Combat operates a variety of communications systems, surface search radar, fire-control radar, and the Shipboard Command and Control System (SCCS), which provides real-time navigation and tactical information to the watchstanders in Combat and on the bridge. CIC is responsible for coordinating and monitoring numerous evolutions, including: flight operations, search and rescue, intelligence, law enforcement operations, and maintaining the operational picture for HARRIET LANE's current mission. The CIC watch consists of Operations Specialists (OS), Electronics Technicians (ET), and Information Systems Technicians (IT). LTJG Tkacs is assisted by OSC Gaylord, OS1 Miller, OS2 Chimko, and OS3 Reinert.

The Electronics Material Division is led by ENS Fillion and is responsible for the maintenance of and optimum operational readiness of all search and surveillance electronic equipment, communications equipment, navigational electronic equipment, and fire control electronics equipment. ENS Fillion is assisted by ETC Petty, ET1 Jarvis, ET1 Monica, ET2 Isbell, ET2 Mosquera, ET3 Myers, ET3 Tucker, and ET3 Smith.

The Weapons Division is led by LTJG Himsey and is responsible for the supervising and directing the employment of all ordnance equipment; coordinating the ship's small arms training and qualification program; maintaining the physical security and integrity of magazines, pyrotechnic and small arms lockers, and ready-service storage spaces; and indoctrinates and trains all HARRIET LANE personnel regarding ordnance and gunnery safety practices, including small arms safety. LTJG Himsey is assisted by GMC Ramos, GM1 Jacques, and GM2 Clafshenkel.

The Communications Division is led by LTJG Tkacs and is responsible for the conduct of

## *Department in the Spotlight (cont.)*

proper electronic exterior communications and the administration of the Communications Division; for the receipt, transmission, the distribution of record traffic; and for the maintenance of communications security including cryptological security, transmission security, and physical security of communications security materials and information; electronic interior communications; and ensures compliance

with the emission control (EMCON) condition in effect. LTJG Tkacs is assisted by OSC Tidey, OS2 Martin, IT2 Gasior, IT2 Whitacre, IT3 Colquhoun, Jr., and IT3 Blackwelder. ∞

## *Operation CARIB ROYALE 09.1*

During HARRIET LANE's January-March patrol, we had the privilege of conducting a joint operation called CARIB ROYALE 09.1 with our French and Caribbean Island partners. CARIB ROYALE 09.1 consisted of French, United States, and Regional Security System (RSS) assets conducting a counter drug patrol in the Eastern Caribbean Lesser Antilles island chain. The joint operation included CGC HARRIET LANE, CGC CHICHOTEAGUE, and several different French and RSS assets.

The operation began with HARRIET LANE mooring for a mid-patrol break in Fort-De-France, Martinique for two days in early February to attend an in-brief, replenish supplies, and crew rest. Martinique offered a different port call experience since it was the first time in over two years HARRIET LANE pulled into a predominately French port. Fort-De-France featured beautiful architecture, unique French cuisine, and a different culture.

Ensign Pegna was temporarily assigned from Coast Guard Headquarters for the duration of Operation CARIB ROYAL 09.1. ENS Fred Pegna proved to be a life saver due to his unique French background and being a qualified French linguist. ENS Pegna assisted HARRIET LANE as we queried

many transiting sailing vessels, worked with the Venezuelan Coast Guard on one occasion, and conducted a Search and Rescue mission assisting the Sailing Vessel MICHAEL.

Ultimately, the operation was a great success providing the crew of HARRIET LANE an opportunity to work with our foreign partners. Upon completing Operation CARIB ROYALE 09.1, HARRIET LANE resumed patrol working for Joint Inter-agency Task Force—South. The crew is greatly anticipating their arrival in Portsmouth, VA for a warm reception with families and loved ones.

Respectfully,

LTJG Sean A. Lott  
Operations Officer  
USCGC HARRIET LANE

## Search and Rescue

Among HARRIET LANE's many roles and missions is Search and Rescue (SAR). On February 8, 2009, we received word from Sector San Juan that the Coast Guard received a distress signal from an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) onboard the Sailing Vessel (S/V) MICHAEL 17 nautical miles south of Grenada.

HARRIET LANE sailed to the last known position of the EPIRB via a search pattern while calling out to various vessels in the general area in English, Spanish, and French. Finally, the crew of HARRIET LANE identified the S/V MICHAEL based on the description of the vessel found in the databases associated with the EPRIB's registry.

It was determined the S/V (Austrian master and the passenger) experienced engine problems

for two days and were sea sick from the rough seas the sailing vessel encountered. Both members were exhausted.

The Captain set the Rescue and Assistance Bill and sent a rescue team composed of LE personnel, engineering personnel, and a translator to assist. The team consisted of: LTJG Andrew Heil, ENS Daniel Hilburn, ENS Caleb McWaters, ENS Frederick Pegna, ENG2 Joel Mortimer, GM1 Joshua Jacques, BM1 Tracey Pogue, BM3 Carleton Johnson, and MK3 Andrew Castengera.

The engineers attempted to repair S/V MICHAEL's engine to no avail. As such, the rescue team sailed the vessel and anchored in the vicinity of St. Georges Harbor, off the coast of Grenada for further repair. ∞



S/V MICHAEL

## *HUMAN RELATIONS - Celebrating our Presidents*

We mentioned in Volume 14 of *Shore Ties* that February was African-American History Month. February is also important as two of our Presidents have birthdays in February. President George Washington was born on February 22, 1732 and President Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809. Since George Washington's election in 1789, 43 men have served as President of the United States. They have led in times of peace and war, hardship and plenty, and served terms as short as one month and as long as 12 years.

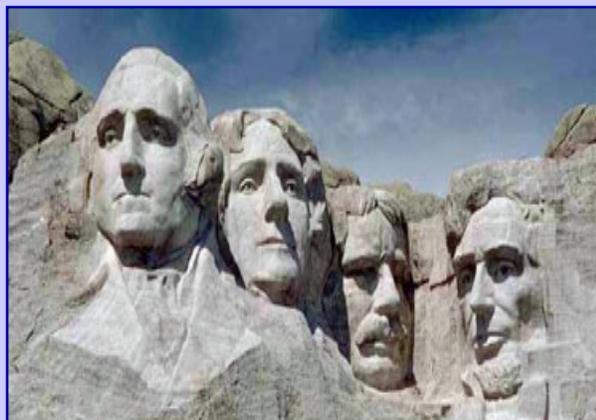
To celebrate these noble, fine, and up-standing Statesman, HS1 Richardson and SN Cusworth presented items of history and fact to the crew. HS1 Richardson provided a presentation on President Lincoln in commemoration of President Lincoln's 200th Birthday. SN Cusworth provided a presentation on President Washington to commemorate President Washington's 277th Birthday.

Following are some biographies of Presidents Washington and Lincoln, courtesy of The White House. I hope you find them informative.

1st President  
GEORGE WASHINGTON  
1789-1797

On April 30, 1789, George Washington, standing on the balcony of Federal Hall on Wall Street in New York, took his oath of office as the first President of the United States. "As the first of every thing, in our situation will serve to establish a Precedent," he wrote James Madison, "it is devoutly wished on my part, that these precedents may be fixed on true principles."

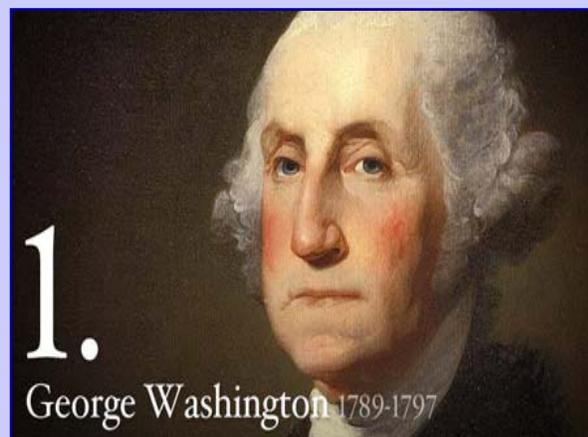
Born in 1732 into a Virginia planter family, he learned the morals, manners, and body of knowledge requisite for an 18th century Virginia gentleman.



Mount Rushmore National Memorial, South Dakota

When the Second Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia in May 1775, Washington, one of the Virginia delegates, was elected Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. On July 3, 1775, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, he took command of his ill-trained troops and embarked upon a war that was to last six grueling years.

Washington longed to retire to his fields at Mount Vernon. But he soon realized that the Nation under its Articles of Confederation was not functioning well, so he became a prime mover in the steps leading to the Constitutional Convention at Philadelphia in 1787. When the new Constitution was ratified, the Electoral College unanimously elected Washington President.



## *Celebrating our Presidents (cont.)*

Washington enjoyed less than three years of retirement at Mount Vernon, for he died of a throat infection December 14, 1799. For months the Nation mourned him.

16th President  
ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
1861-1865

Lincoln warned the South in his Inaugural Address: "In your hands, my dissatisfied fellow countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous issue of civil war. The government will not assail you.... You have no oath registered in Heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to preserve, protect and defend it."

Lincoln thought secession illegal, and was willing to use force to defend Federal law and the Union. When Confederate batteries fired on Fort Sumter and forced its surrender, he called on the states for 75,000 volunteers. Four more slave states joined the Confederacy but four remained within the Union. The Civil War had begun.

The son of a Kentucky frontiersman, Lincoln had to struggle for a living and for learning. Five months before receiving his party's nomination for President, he sketched his life:

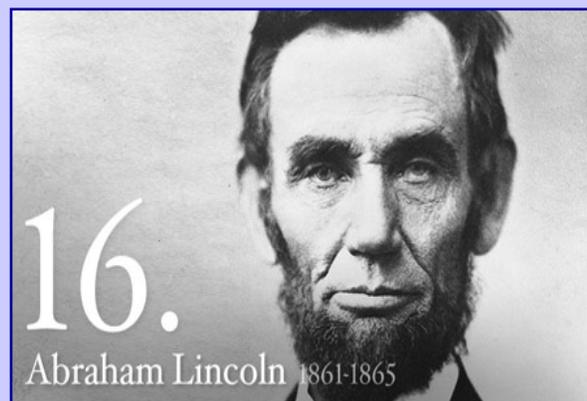
"I was born Feb. 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. My parents were both born in Virginia, of undistinguished families--second families, perhaps I should say. My mother, who died in my tenth year, was of a family of the name of Hanks.... My father ... removed from Kentucky to ... Indiana, in my eighth year.... It was a wild region, with many bears and other wild animals still in the woods. There I grew up.... Of course when I came of age I did not know much. Still somehow, I could read, write, and cipher ... but that was all."

Lincoln made extraordinary efforts to attain knowledge while working on a farm, splitting rails for fences, and keeping store at New Salem, Illinois.

He was a captain in the Black Hawk War, spent eight years in the Illinois legislature, and rode the circuit of courts for many years. His law partner said of him, "His ambition was a little engine that knew no rest."

As President, he built the Republican Party into a strong national organization. Further, he rallied most of the northern Democrats to the Union cause. On January 1, 1863, he issued the Emancipation Proclamation that declared forever free those slaves within the Confederacy.

On Good Friday, April 14, 1865, Lincoln



was assassinated at Ford's Theatre in Washington by John Wilkes Booth, an actor, who somehow thought he was helping the South. The opposite was the result, for with Lincoln's death, the possibility of peace with magnanimity died.

\* The preceding information and more may be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/presidents/> ∞

# Damage Control Olympics

Each patrol, the crew of HARRIET LANE takes part in an event known as Damage Control (DC) Olympics. DC Olympics is a team competition held during the last week of the patrol. The prize is the “Damage Control Olympics Golden Axe” to keep wherever the winner chooses until the next DC Olympics. This patrol, the “Golden Axe” went to the senior engineers.

The crew is broken down into teams—usually by department and each team rotates through a series of six DC stations. Following is a list of the six stations: repairing a ruptured pipe; dewatering with a P-100 pump; dewatering with a peri-jet; donning the firefighting ensemble; desmoking with a water powered ram fan; DC communications and plotting; and responding to medical casualties.

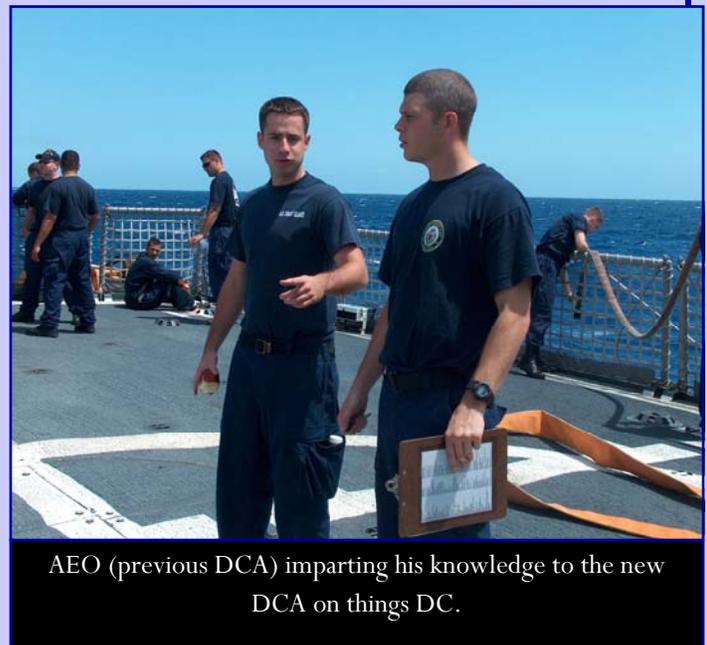
DC Olympics provides several key components to shipboard life: it provides a healthy competition among departments, which in turn elevates morale; provides hands-on training with DC equipment for newly reported personnel; and provides a good refresher for senior members on-board. ∞



Rigging a RAM fan.



Firefighting



AEO (previous DCA) imparting his knowledge to the new DCA on things DC.

## *Damage Control Olympics (cont.)*



First aid station.



Donning firefighting ensemble.



Dewatering station.



Dewatering station.

## *Advancements, Awards, and Promotions*



MK3 Levitsky Advancement to MK2



OS3 Chimko Advancement to OS2



EM3 Sikole Advancement to EM2



SK2 Redmon Awarded the Coast Guard Achievement Medal

## *Advancements, Awards, and Promotions (cont.)*



MK2 Butterfield Re-Enlisting at 30 knots.



MK2 Butterfield after Re-Enlisting.

### *Other Recognition*

OSC Gaylord Awarded Sea Service Ribbon

MKC Noel Awarded Sea Service Ribbon

BM1 Pressman Awarded Sea Service Ribbon

FS2 Knowles Awarded Sea Service Ribbon

BM3 Johnson Awarded Sea Service Ribbon

SN Jacobs Enlistment Extension

SN Cusworth Enlistment Extension

MK1 Koura Awarded Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal

MK2 Brazzel Awarded Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal

EM1 Van Horn Awarded Permanent Cutterman Pin

## *Patrol Pictures*



One of our LE teams. From Left to Right: EM2 Pennington, OS2 Martin, BM2 Heard, MK1 Roach (kneeling), and LTJG Kowalske.



Flipper and friends!!



Some of the regular sights we see in the many passes!



“So, I think we used the wrong color paint.”

## *Patrol Pictures (cont.)*



And the pupil becomes the teacher!



ET3 Tucker...is Joe Cool.



FS2 Dietzman says, "You said you wanted cake."



EM2 Pennington says, "Beatings will continue until all articles are labeled."



Minke whale sighting.

# *Wardroom Meal for the Crew*



# *First Class Petty Officer's Meal for the Crew*



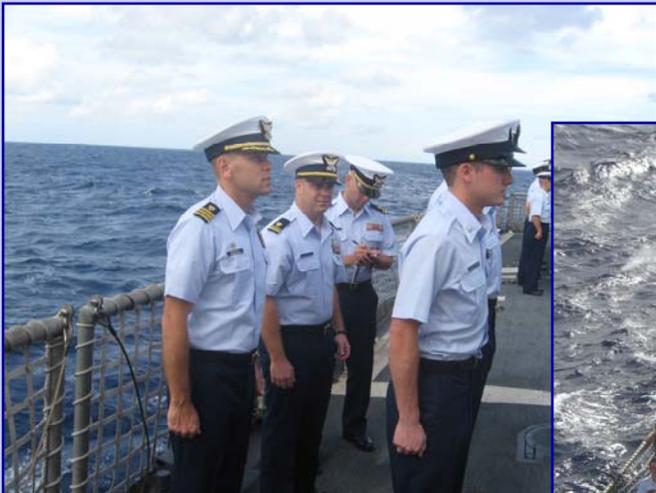
# *Rock Band*



## *Rock Band (cont.)*



# *Uniform Inspection*



*Ship-Helicopter Operations with HH-6510  
Deployed on CGC LEGARE from Savannah, GA*



# *St. Maarten Port Visit*



# Aruba Port Visit



# *Visit to Conception Island, The Bahamas*





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*USCGC HARRIET LANE is a multi-mission Coast Guard cutter, responsible for a variety of Coast Guard missions, including: Search and Rescue, Enforcement of Laws and Treaties, Maritime Defense, and Protection of the Marine Environment. The versatility of the Famous class cutter makes it a very cost effective platform in carrying out national objectives.*

*HARRIET LANE's modern command, control, and communications capabilities, including satellite communications, make the cutter an important asset for long range off-shore missions. HARRIET LANE can effectively coordinate the efforts of multiple ships and aircraft while conducting missions over large areas of ocean.*

## “The Desired Effect”

## Qualifications

### Basic Damage Control PQS

ENS Fillion

CWO2 Parker

IT3 Blackwelder

SNFS Wernicke

SN Janes

SN Davis

SN Leon

FA Johnson

SA Brindley

### Throttleman Watchstander

DC1 Birdwell

MK3 Apple

### Advanced Damage Control PQS

MK3 Apple

BM3 Johnson

BM3 Wyle

SN Zitzelberger

FN Massey

### Helicopter Control Officer

OSC Tidey

### Inport Generator Watchstander

FN Swaoger

FN Massey

FA Johnson

### Gangway Petty Officer of the Watch

SK2 Redmon

BM3 Johnson

SN Coley

### Underway Engineer Officer of the Watch

MK1 Boyette

ENS McWaters

### Over-the-Horizon Davit Operator

FN Massey

### Inport Officer of the Deck

LTJG Himsey

### Deck Watch Officer Exam

LT Gans

### Enlisted Professional Military

Education E6

BM2 Heard

DC2 Douthit

### Damage Controlman First Class EOCT

DC2 Douthit

### Underway Officer of the Deck

ENS Hilburn

### Fuel, Oil, and Water King

MK2 Brazzel

### CIC Watch Supervisor

OS3 Reinert