

# MOHAWK



## MONTHLY

Tiger Cruise guests and host crew members. From Left: Jon Harling (son of ET2 Harling), Devin Hicks (brother of SN Hicks), Jackson Busch (brother of SN Busch), Kelsey Shilling (father of SN Shilling), Anita Cline (Mother of SN Cline), Grayson Edwards (son of MKC Edwards), John Mick (father of SN Mick), Shane Howard (brother of FN Howard), Peter Deacon (Father of IT2 Deacon), Lauren Godden (sister of LTJG Godden), and William Ralls (father in-law of CDR Hendrickson).

MOHAWK had another busy month. From Key West to Mayport, the crew was busy with deployment preps and training. The majority of the past few weeks was spent in Mayport, FL doing both pierside and underway training. The crew got to sharpen their skills and learn new techniques that make them even more prepared for our Atlantic transit and deployment to Africa. The crew got the opportunity to host 11 of our shipmates family members on MOHAWK's Tiger Cruise from Mayport, FL back to Key West. We enjoyed having all of them on board and showing them our lifestyle and a small taste of our daily routine. Thank you for sailing with us!



# 2010

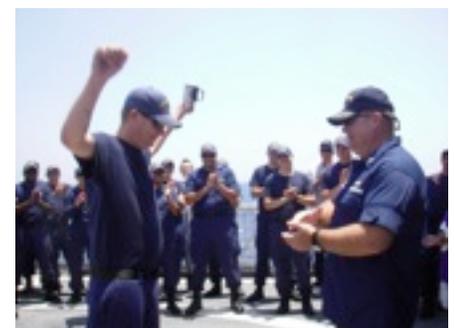
# T S T A



MOHAWK just completed three weeks of intense training in Mayport, FL to prepare for our upcoming overseas deployment. From damage control (DC) to force protection (FP), the crew was kept extremely busy being challenged by our On Board Training Teams and evaluated by Atlantic Training Group riders. Once again, the crew stepped-up to the challenge and their skills did not go unnoticed. Over the course of 3 weeks, the crew ran over 46 hours of DC drills, 20 hours of FP drills, and completed 14 special sea details including a challenging 3 hour river transit up the St. Johns River. The crew's enthusiasm and the training teams' innovative approach really impressed the ATG riders. LCDR Steve Tucker, the senior Coast Guard representative at Mayport said that the crew's performance was "Top-notch" and went on to say that we had taught him and his riders a lot during our stay. He passed along an "official" ATG coffee mug for presentation to MOHAWK's Top Trainer; CWO Tommy "Top Gun" Green (ssssweet), and MOHAWK's Top Trainee, SN Chloe "Cheerleader" Hicks.

On Left: SN Hicks being presented a ATG coin for her stellar performance.

On Right: CWO Green being commended for being MOHAWK's top trainer.



# T S T A



**Top:** DC3 Jones supervises as YN1 Holzer and SN Hicks a ruptured pipe.  
**Middle:** SN Hicks, MK3 Cabrea-Matos , MK2 Tomilson and several other MOHAWK crewmembers try to plug holes in a flooding compartment.  
**Bottom:** OS3 Jones, MK3 Hargrove, OS1 Carroll and ME3 Pumo run out of the gas chamber when their time is up!



In addition to pierside and underway training, several crew members attended Navy Buttercup Trainer (think cold and VERY wet), Navy Firefighting School (think HOT and very wet), and Chemical, Biological, Radiological (think burning skin and very WET noses and eyes) training. Thirty-five crew members took part in the Buttercup Trainer where they practiced different methods of plugging holes and dewatering spaces. In addition, 50 crew members donned firefighting gear and ran into real fires to hone their firefighting skills. Last - and most memorable for those involved - 60 members of MOHAWK's crew went through CBR Training which included exposure to tear gas in the "Confidence Chamber" (they were all VERY confident they didn't want to do it again).

Left: SN Hicks exiting the "Confidence Chamber."  
Right: EMC Kane choosing a different method to cope with the pain of tear gas.



# BOWLING



35 crew members put on their bowling shoes to hit the lanes after a long day of keeping the world safe from pirates and rogue state players on April 28th. There were some very competitive lanes and other lanes where the bowlers focused more on the social aspect of the evening. MK1 "King Pin" Huber was unbeatable with a score of twelve - he swears that you score bowling like golf; well, he's the pro not us. Look for him on an upcoming episode of Bowling for Dollars.

Top Left: ET2 "Sideshow" Harling trying to catch up OSC Halliday's lead.

Top Right: OSC Halliday concentrating on the finer points of the game (i.e. stance and breathing).

Right: SK3 Gutierrez getting ready to slide one right down the middle of the lane.



Left: MK1 Huber trying to find someone to challenge his strikes and spares.

Right: ENS Ohle, YN1 Grix, YN1 Holzer, EM1 Riklon, ET1 Parlett, SN Hicks and FN Howard enjoying the more social aspect of the bowling alley.



# BURGER BASH

To celebrate the end of TSTA/LTT in Mayport, the crew kicked off their shoes and played beach volleyball and horse shoes until the sun went down (and for a few hours after that, too) on Thursday, May 6th. ET1 Parlett, OS1 Carroll, ET2 Harling, and BM3 Jordan were on the grill for hours ensuring everyone had plenty of food to enjoy. A special thanks to ET1 Parlett, OS1 Carroll and the rest of the First Class Petty Officers for making this event possible. The BBQ was a great way for the MOHAWK to wrap up our 3 weeks of training in Mayport, FL.



Left: SN Cline using potato chips to lure the seagulls.  
Right: ME3 Pumo setting up DC2 Aspuro for the spike.



Left: MK2 Tomilson and FN Donaldson launching the horse shoes right into the pit!

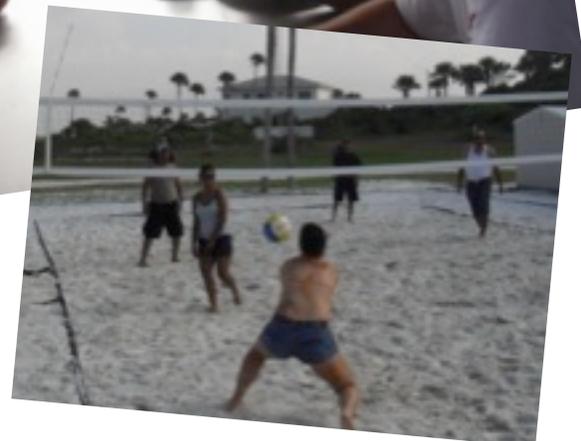


Left: ET2 Harling, BM3 Jordan, and OS1 Carroll MOHAWK's grill masters.



Right: SN Spencer, SN Suga, MK3 Horine, MK3 Cabrea Matos, FN Donaldson and FS3 Floyd.

Bottom: FN Howard saving the team with a game winning dig.



# Welcome Aboard

## **YN1 Michelle Holzer**

Hello, my name is YN1 Michelle Holzer. I've been in the Coast Guard for almost 7.5 years now and I enjoy it. I'm coming from CG Sector Key West after 2 years. I have a boyfriend and two fur ball golden retrievers (my kids). I'm also a HUGE NY Giants fan, and Yankee Fan. I'm very excited to be here :)



## **EM3 James Hatsell**

Well as you can see from above, my name is James Hartsell, and I'm an Electrician's Mate third class. I'm going on my third year in the Coast Guard. I reported here from "A" school and prior to that I was on CGC DALLAS out of Charleston, SC and I worked as a main prop Fireman. I grew up in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Ohio. My folks are currently living in Ohio still. I dislike the cold and I enjoy the southern states. I don't really care for watching sports except college football. I enjoy riding motorcycles, kayaking, hiking, camping, reading, and watching movies. I'm pretty easy to get along with.



## **FN Caroline Tackett**

My name is Caroline Tackett. I am 19 years old and am from Virginia. I'm excited to be here on MOHAWK and learning all these new things. I am straight out of boot camp so I think this will be a great learning experience and I'll be able to find out what I want to do for my career. In my spare time I like to listen to music and go to the beach. I'm ready to get qualified and learn my job better.



# DESIG-NOVEMBER-ALPHA-VICTOR-INDIA- GOLF-ALPHA-TANGO-INDIA-OSCAR- NOVEMBER (NAVIGATION)



Right: BM2 Castro and BM3 Fisher working hard to hoist flags before the Navy.

Left: BM1 Lowry working topside with his division to complete the flag hoist drills.

Led by Signal Supervisor, BM1 Matthew "Hop Along" Lowry, the Navigation Division participated in flag hoist and flashing light drills with eight US Navy ships moored at Mayport Naval Station during the ship's recent training availability. A lack a wind and poor ship positioning made the drills difficult, but the dauntless Mohicans prevailed and correctly decoded and responded to ten different messages with help from ENS Trish Ohle and OS1 Shane Carroll in Combat. The team was also able to correctly send messages using flashing light (morse code) - beating their Navy counterparts in every signal!. After an action-packed morning, the intrepid navigators quickly transitioned to an afternoon at Special Sea Detail plotting 2-minute fixes in the narrow St. John's River. The Navigation Division is comprised of ENS Kate Murray, BM1 Matthew Lowry, BM2 Julio Castro, ME2 Brad Wolf, and BM3 Blake Fisher.

# Five MOHAWK sailors toured HITRON JACKSONVILLE



*Above: FN Singer, SN Boulding, SN Shilling, SN Cline, and FN Donaldson pose to replicate their role models from The Guardian.*

Despite constant ridicule (all in good fun, of course) for making the decision to choose a career in aviation, these fine individuals have prevailed in their long wait for Aviation training, and now see the light at the end of the tunnel. SN Shilling will be joining former MOHAWK sailor FN Smith at AIRSTA MIAMI upon our return to Key West, while others await orders to the Airman Program in the near future. On Friday April 30th these future Aviation Electronic Technicians (AET's), Aviation Maintenance Technicians (AMT's), and Aviation Survival Technicians (AST's) (collectively, "Airdales"), took a trip to HITRON JACKSONVILLE to catch a glimpse of the aviation community and drool all over the shiny orange heliwoopters. The cutter community will sadly miss these former cuttermen as they turn to the "dark" side, but as we say, it's better to make the big mistakes in life early so you have more time to recover! (just kidding, guys).

# *Memorial day, will we remember?*

Our men and women on distant shores... in distant wars,  
Enduring the struggles, the conflict the strife,  
For country and freedom they give freely their life.

For those who have never served...  
and do not understand,  
strength, the courage to take a stand,  
will you remember our soldiers of the air, sea and land.

Will you speak kindly to those who proudly serve,  
Who live out the trueness of virtue,  
defend our freedoms... your rights.

Whether in combat or closer to home,  
Those who have served remember well,  
All who have fallen in wars hell.

We do not take for granted our Freedoms plight,  
A fragile balance for which to fight,  
We,... yes I will remember,  
Our men and women who in the name of freedom,  
Never give up the fight!!!

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