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MEMORANDUM

From: A. B. Morrison, CDR
CGC MOHAWK (WMEC-913)

To: All New Shipmates and Their Families & Friends

Subj: WELCOME ABOARD!

Congratulations on your orders to USCGC MOHAWK (WMEC-913) and welcome to Key West, FL! You are coming to a cutter with a proud history and an equally proud crew that is committed to professionalism, leadership, and being good shipmates. Onboard MOHAWK, you will have an opportunity to engage in a variety of Coast Guard missions, including: counter-narcotics; search and rescue; illegal alien immigration; homeland security; and national defense. To accomplish these missions, we'll travel throughout the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea, and the Atlantic Ocean. Regardless of your position, I am confident you will find your tour on MOHAWK to be one of the most challenging and satisfying of your career.

MOHAWK was named after the Algonquin tribe of Iroquoian Indians who lived in the Mohawk valley of New York. This tribe became famous for their camaraderie, determination in battle, and ingenuity for overcoming obstacles. The current MOHAWK holds its place in history as the third United States vessel to bear this name and we continue to emulate the strength and skill of those early warriors. As a MOHAWK crewmember, you will be one of the links connecting the past to the present, as we execute Coast Guard missions wherever the nation or the international community needs us. We will be at the forefront of America's effort to provide maritime safety, security, and stewardship.

To help you become one of us, the proud "Mohicans," we have provided information on this website about the cutter, the city of Key West, various civilian and military support services, schools, housing, the local job market, and hurricane readiness. This is meant to help your family familiarize themselves with the area before they arrive in Key West (or the "Conch Republic" as the locals call it). I hope you find it useful, but please let your sponsor know if you have any questions. Your "Welcome Aboard" message includes your sponsor's email address and phone number and they are waiting to help you.

If you have any additional questions that are not answered here, please contact our Ombudsman, at MOHAWKOmbudsman@yahoo.com. You can also become a friend of the MOHAWK on Facebook at [U.S. Coast Guard Cutter MOHAWK](#).

I look forward to working with you. You will be part of a proud tradition of MOHAWK sailors who have lived up to the cutter's motto: "Lifesaver – Enforcer – Defender". Welcome aboard!