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THE WAYPOINT



Captain's Corner

By Captain Jim Passarelli
Commanding Officer



Ahoy WAESCHE families!

For those of you I have not yet met, my name is CAPT Jim Passarelli and I am the new Commanding Officer of CGC WAESCHE. What a privilege it is to serve alongside your loved ones! WAESCHE has a fantastic crew, is a great ship and has an awesome mission. I couldn't be happier to be here. As a quick introduction, I grew up in Arizona, though my family and I call Florida 'home' now. I have been in the Coast Guard for 24 years and my last assignment was as the Coast Guard's Chief of Budget Execution. This is my sixth cutter and the second time I've been homeported in Alameda, CA. My wife Jennifer and I have two children, Nicholas and Julia.

I took command on July 22nd and it has been a whirlwind ever since. After wrapping up a significant contracted maintenance availability, WAESCHE served as the backdrop for the Pacific Area Commander's Change of Command ceremony (see photos). We looked great! Later that day, we put to sea and headed for San Diego for our Command Assessment of Readiness for Training (CART).

Coast Guard Cutters and Navy ships undergo a crucible of assessments and training every two years called the Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA), which lasts three weeks. In the old days, we called it "Refresher Training", or "REFTRA". TSTA looks closely at how we do everything from fighting fires to navigation and seamanship to gunnery exercises. It's pretty intense. As a prelude to TSTA, we undergo the CART phase which gives the evaluation and assessment teams a sense of how well WAESCHE is doing in terms of being 'ready to train'. If you do well at CART, you are ready for TSTA. Let me tell you, your WAESCHE crew did fantastic, setting the bar pretty high for our sister ships to try and match. I couldn't be more proud of them.

We are now on our way to conduct our primary mission for this deployment. I can't tell you where, but we will provide updates throughout the deployment. Fair winds and following seas...

CAPT Passarelli

A Word from the Command

Senior Chief



We are back underway after a short but productive summer on WAESSCHE and with our families. We are headed to points south with the hopes of matching or exceeding last patrol's results. We start this patrol with 40 plus newly reported personnel with few of them having any WMSL Experience. First on tap for this patrol was Cutter Assessment Readiness Training (CART). CART is a crucial Damage Control and Administrative inspection performed on all cutters. With all the new personnel onboard, WAESSCHE still performed exceptional, better than any other white hull cutter in the Pacific area. That is a huge testament to the dedication and perseverance of all on board because this truly was a group effort.

Now with CART behind us, we head out to patrol and continue to prep for Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA) which is the practical training team inspection that follows CART. That means in-between all of the activity we hope to see, we will run an impressive amount of damage control drills. Know that during this patrol the newly reporting personnel will be working on damage control qualifications, bridge qualifications, radio qualifications, small boat qualifications as well as engineering qualifications. Make no mistake, we all have long busy days ahead of us patrolling and training. That said there will be plenty of time for morale and fun while underway and in port calls, as further issues of Waypoint will show.

For those of you back home whose spouse, family member, or friend is on their first or fifth patrol know that you have an outstanding support structure with the WAESSCHE Ombudsman team, please feel free to reach out to them to answer any questions or for help with any issues. If anyone needs to get a hold of me, please feel free to email me at Daniel.p.bolen@uscg.mil. Thank you all for your support of our Coast Guardsmen and women, believe me it makes us being gone from home a little bit easier.

-MKCS Daniel Bolen, Command Senior Chief

Sailor of the Quarter



Congratulations to IT1 Ryan Wheeler on being selected as the Sailor of the Second Quarter. Bravo Zulu IT1 Wheeler!



Operations Department



SA Andrew Rodarte, SA Cheri Ramirez and SA Duy Pham keep eyes on Oscar during a Man Overboard drill.



SN Sheridan Lewis and SN Selina Mann pose for a picture after tending lines.



OS1 Kevin Hoxworth enthusiastically partakes in sweepers to keep WAESCHE in top shape!



Congratulations to SN Nicole Clausius, who received orders to BM A-School!

Engineering Department



ENS Ryan Ostrander, MK3 Robert Scales, and MKC Kurt Gunckel collaborate in the Engineering Control Room.



MK1 Jimmy DiCanio explains WAESCHE's machinery systems to MKC Christopher Lindstrom, from the CGC Munro.



DC3 Micah Miller works hard to complete his machinery rounds during his watch.

Combat Systems Department



ET3 Michael Strahlendorf examines the radars on of the small boats before a drill.



GM2 Bettina Rodgers stands a vigilant watch and keeps WAESCHE safe while inport.



The Law Enforcement Division, small but mighty, is run by ME1 Ryan Lewis and ME3 Samuel Coronado.

ETC Erik Petersen, ITC Edward Clark, and GM3 William Headings pose for a picture after quarters.



Support Department



YN3 Katelyn Stewart and YN1 Michael Snyder wind down after a busy work day.



FS3 Justin Scott ensures WAESCHE is well fed and mission ready!



HS1 Jeffrey Hubrel, temporarily assigned to WAESCHE from Sector Houston-Galveston completes paperwork to keep the ship healthy and safe while underway.



The Support Division musters in formation during Quarters.

Welcome Aboard!



Welcome aboard to WAESCHE's newest, bright eyed and bushy tailed shipmates as they begin their journey in the Coast Guard!

Former Army soldier, SK3 Eric Moe joins us from Storekeeper A-School (top left).



FN Ray Norton, from Georgia joined the Coast Guard to become a Damage Controlman (top right).



SA Duy Pham, from Orange County, California is working towards going to Health Services Technician A-School (bottom left).



SA Alexis Crane, from Cartersville, Georgia loves underway life and wants to become a Boatswain's Mate (bottom right).

"Paratus" Preparations

As WAESCHE Z[fe fZW d ag` V dg` ` [Y with yet S` af ZW b S f a ^, the crew had the opportunity to run through several drills involving the use of the small boats. These drills allowed for new crewmembers to become more familiar with the ship's equipment and its capabilities, as well as gain mission-essential qualifications.



WAESCHE crew works on lowering a small boat into the water to conduct their first pursuit training of the patrol.



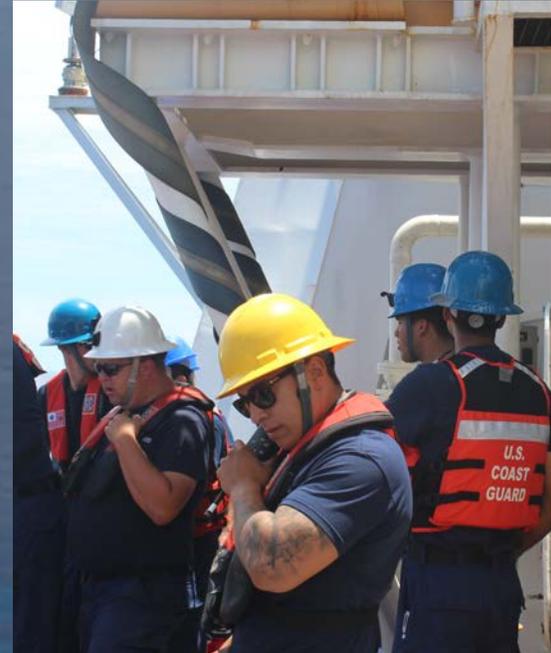
Combat Systems Officer, Jay Rudometkin and BOSN Jason Kellermeyer supervise from above, the launching and recovery of the small boats.



BM1 Dennis Phillips monitors the boat lowering team from the boat deck to ensure safe training is conducted.



ENS Tim Hulse, one of WAESCHE's Boarding Officers, is geared up and tacti-cool in his law enforcement attire.



BM3 Brian Alires maintains ship-side radio communications and passes information with the small boat and the crew on the bridge.

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WAESCHE underwent a thorough ship-wide inspection during Cutter Assessment of Readiness Training (CART) as a prequel to Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA). The cutter was praised by CART's assessment team for being one of the most prepared large ships they have ever assessed! Congratulations to the crew for their hard work and dedication!

Top left: CAPT Passarelli, Department Heads and CART evaluators discuss drills and WAESCHE's training program.

Top right: BM1 Dennis Phillips (left) and ENS Mitchel Herrador work together to track the damages.

Middle left: MK1 Steven Ingram evaluates a member of the firefighting team.

Middle right: LTJG Scott Pratz, the Assistant Engineering Officer, debriefs the crew and prepares to award the Golden Helmet, an award given to the MVP of the drill.

Bottom right: The first Golden Helmet was awarded to BM1 Shane Carpenter. Bravo Zulu BM1!



Meet Our Ombudsman Team

Hello Waesche Friends and Family! Treneka and I just wanted to take a moment and re-introduce ourselves, since there are so many new families and Active Duty members since the last issue of the newsletter.



Laura-Ann Phillips

Hello everyone, my name is Laura Phillips, and I have been an Active Duty spouse for 9 years, but my husband has been active duty for 19 years. Throughout my time with my husband, we have been stationed at St. Inigoes Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland, Ashtabula, Ohio and we transferred to Alameda, California in 2014. I have one daughter who keeps me very busy, and while I am currently a stay at home mom, I am a social worker by profession. I am very excited to work with the Waesche crew and families as part of the Ombudsman team!

Treneka Ingram

Hi everyone my name is Treneka Ingram and I have been an active duty spouse for 14 years and married for 17 years. Throughout my husband's career we have been stationed in Alexandria, Virginia, Niagara Falls, New York, Key West, Florida and we transferred to Alameda, California from New Haven, Connecticut. I have two children that keep me relatively busy and I also work as a preschool teacher. I am excited to be part of the Ombudsman team and look forward to working with everyone!



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Ombudsman phone (available 24/7): 510-847-1506

WAESCHE Families Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/USCGCWAESCHEFamilies>

From Our Ombudsman

Greetings from your Ombudsman Crew!

We hope that everyone is getting settled into the routine of our loved ones being gone, getting our kids back into the swing of school routines, and enjoying this beautiful weather!

As you may be aware, September is Emergency Preparedness month in the Coast Guard. Being susceptible to earthquakes and wildfires in the Bay Area, we wanted to share some important information with everyone. While it is nearly impossible to seek safety before an earthquake occurs, it is possible to be prepared for the aftermath. We encourage everyone to have a Power of Attorney in place (if necessary) for your spouses/partners that are on the cutter, as well as having all important documents in one location which is easily accessible (birth certificates, marriage certificates, medical records, etc). Further, it is beneficial to have a “go bag” prepared with medical records and copies of important documentation, as well as bottled water and non-perishable food supplies to last your family at least 24 hours. A more comprehensive list of supply suggestions can be found at: <https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/checklist3.pdf>.

If anyone local to the Alameda area has interest in joining the Community Emergency Response Team, which assists families in need until professional help can arrive, please visit the following website for more information: <https://alamedacacert.samariteam.com/Default.aspx>.

For our families who are not living in the Bay Area, we also encourage you to look into your local resources for emergency preparedness and take similar steps in case of flood, tornado, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other natural disasters specific to your area. Additionally, if you or a family member has disabilities, please ensure that you take a moment and look at this link with comprehensive information on how to prepare yourself and your family member: https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/FEMA_Disabilities_R-6_web_june2012.pdf

If you are interested in seeking more information how to be prepared, please see these following websites:

FEMA: <https://www.ready.gov/>

Military Specific: <https://www.ready.gov/considerations/military-family-preparedness>

Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org/mo2w>

Center for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov/disasters/index.html>

As always, we encourage everyone to contact us with any questions or concerns that you have, or if you are experiencing any type of emergency.

We can be reached via phone 24/7 at 510-847-1506, through email at ombwaesche@gmail.com, or via our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/USCGCWAESCHEFamilies>

Your Ombudsman Team,
Laura Phillips & Treneka Ingram

Helpful Links from Our Ombudsman

CG Support:

(855) CG SUPRT (247-8778)

<https://www.achievesolutions.net/achievesolutions/en/cgsuprt/Home.do>

PCS:

<http://www.military.com/money/pcs-dity-move/pcs-checklists.html> PCS Checklist

<http://www.move.mil/>

Command Senior Chief Dan Bolen and his two sons smile for a shot on the pier.



OS2 Nathan Singer's family is all smiles!

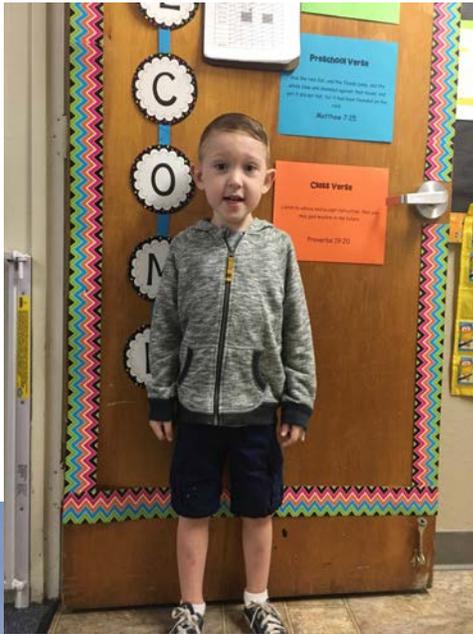


A patriotic shoutout from ME3 Samuel Coronado's family!



ET1 Ortiz's dog, Storm, says hello from the homefront!





OS2 James Duvall's son, Paxton, on the first day of school.



BM3 Daniel Russo's daughter, Lily, conducting taste-test operations on the home front.



BM1 Dennis Phillip's daughter, Emily, poses for the camera.



SN Sheridan Lewis's brother, Statler is proud of his big sister!



Left: More "hello's from the homefront" for ME3 Samuel Coronado!

If you would like to send pictures from the homefront to be featured in next month's newsletter, email them to our Ombudsman team at: ombwaesche@gmail.com