

# RUSH HOUR

## United States Coast Guard Cutter RUSH (WHEC 723)



### Captain's Log



Hello, or "Konichiwa" to RUSH's family and friends. By now most of you had an opportunity to talk with your family or friends assigned to RUSH and know we had some engineering plant issues that kept us inport longer than planned. Over many days and nights the Main Propulsion division led by Chief Warrant Officer Gadbois and Senior Chief Carlson worked tirelessly to fix the equipment problems and return RUSH to full operational status. The unexpected stay did provide everyone with an opportunity to explore parts of Japan and enjoy the Japanese culture and cuisine. As we resume our active patrol we again focus on keeping RUSH safe while performing our important mission effectively. Through many drills, helicopter operations and law enforcement activity during the remainder of our patrol each crewmember will add operational experiences to the memories they have of Japan.



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## From the Crew...

### *From Oceans to Mountains...Who's got next?*

by: PA3 J. Young

Crew members of the RUSH can now check seeing Mt. Fuji off their list of things to do while visiting Japan. About 70 people signed up for a three hour bus ride to Mt. Fuji and tackle the climb. Climbing Mt. Fuji is a difficult task in itself, but with added rain, cold wind and excessive fog only a few accomplished the climb to the top at 3,776 meters above sea level. Operations Specialist 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Nicholas Trelawney, of Burke, VA., was the first to make it to the top followed by OS3 Kelly Yeager, of Canton, MI., and Seaman Derek Mazur, of Pittsburgh, PA. "Mazur kept me going and encouraged me to finish," said Yeager. "Conditions were bad, but once I got to the ninth station I couldn't stop. I couldn't say I almost climbed Mt. Fuji, I had to go the whole way." "I was happy I accomplished the climb, but I am sad because they say if you don't finish the climb you are destined to come back," said Trelawney. "I feel like I am not guaranteed to come back now." Although the majority of the group did not make it all the way to the top, they now have a reason to travel back to one of the tallest and most famous mountains in Japan.



## Live Engineering. Live Strong.

by: Fan of the Engineers

Down in the bottom of the ship and well below the water line reside the engineers. Working in a well-lit city of various sounds, tubes, pipes, pumps and oils. When the average non-engineer opens the door to the Engine Room they are hit with a force of uncomfortably hot air and what they would describe as "loud noise". To an engineer the noise, the heat, and everything in the engine room means something. The loud noise is a sum of all the running machinery. The amount of noise can be an indication to what machinery is running. Similarly, the amount of heat can be an indication for what machinery is running.

When a non-engineer walks into the engine room they only see pipes and stuff which they classify under the same category, pieces of metal. Because to them these pipes and boxes are all just a mystery. To the engineer the whole world is seen through a different lens where each pipe has a specific purpose. Each pipe is closely monitored because the engineer knows the consequences of that pipe breaking. The "other stuff" in the engine room serves an equally important purpose. They all have specific names, background, and specific character traits that make them unique. You will often hear MK3 "The Champ" Eisenhour talking about the boilers like they were members of the crew. To an extent, one might say that the machinery is very much apart of the crew since they propel us though the water, give us our water, let us see at night, and let us use our email to communicate with the outside world. If that is so, it is the engineers who tuck these pieces of machinery in at night, and take care of them, to make sure they ready for another days work tomorrow.

***"If the RUSH engineers were there to oil and repair the Tin Man on his way to the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy would have been back to Kansas in half the time."***

# THE HIGHLIGHT CORNER



*So MK1, tell us about your Coast Guard career thus far?*

*-I started my career in the U.S. Army in Air Defense Artillery as a Hawk Fire Control Crew member in Germany where I also attended French Commando School. I joined the U.S. Coast Guard afterwards, and my first unit was on the USCGC Ingham WHEC 35 with BM2 Gephardt (Now the current 1LT of RUSH). My other tours consist of MSO New Orleans, USCGC Legare, and Station Honolulu as EPO (Executive Petty Officer).*

*If you could invite three people (beside family members, close friends, and of course RUSH crew members) to your own private island, who would they be?*

*-The Pope and Donald Trump*

*If you had one day to do anything you wanted...what would it be?*

*-To be a pro wrestler in a match with Hulk Hogan.*

*Favorite food at home/Favorite food on the RUSH?*

*-Pansit and Stir Fry*

*So it is holiday routine, what may your daily activities consist of?*

*-Sleep, study, watch TV, watch, and then probably Flight Condition I.*

*I have heard you are quite the mechanic, what is your favorite car?*

*-My former 1970 SS 454 Chevelle I bought from the original owner. After rebuilding the car it would burn the tires off the rims at 70 mph*

*Any final words, inspirational quotes, or motivational speeches?*

*-Everyday is a holiday, every meal is a banquet!*

**Welcome to the USCGC RUSH family!**

My name is Sarah Rasnake, my contact information is below. I would like to introduce myself as your ombudsman. The ombudsman program is a group of spouse volunteers appointed to help communication between the Coast Guard and the families of our active duty members. I will be facilitating communication between the RUSH command and the families through emails and phone calls. I can provide information and referrals regarding available services and benefits during your move and your time on island. I am your resource for information and communication during emergencies. For routine questions or concerns, please call 8am-8pm Hawaii time or email anytime. For emergencies call anytime and I will do everything in my power to assist you.

OMBUDSMAN'S

CORNER

As ombudsman, I keep a database with contact information of the RUSH families. If you have not already done so, please contact me so I can keep you up to date with ship information. Also, keep my contact information handy for any questions, concerns or emergencies.

**Event Update: RUSH HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**Where: Club 14 Lanai**

**When: October 25, 1300-1700**

**Who: All of you!**

**RSVP: Liz Estramonte at [jlestramonte@hotmail.com](mailto:jlestramonte@hotmail.com)**

Respectfully,

Sarah Rasnake

USCGC RUSH Ombudsman

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## Need To Mail A Package To The RUSH?

Any mail that families may want to send NEEDS to go to our FPO address. Also, if they just put FPO AP 96677 USCGC RUSH, it may get re-routed to the USS RUSHMORE. So, in order to be COMPLETELY sure that mail will get to us this is what the address needs to look like:

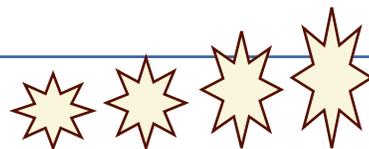
Commanding Officer

USCGC RUSH

FPO AP 96677-3921

ATTN: Sailor that you happen to be fond of

# FEEL THE RUSH.....



## Wonder, No More...

The USCGC RUSH is the sum of four departments: Engineering, Operations, Weapons, and Supply. Additionally, there are multiple divisions that make up each department. So, who exactly makes up these divisions and what exactly do they do? Well, there is no need to look any further, for each newsletter will put the spotlight on a division, and for this newsletter, the **WEAPON'S ELECTRICAL TECHNICIANS** will take the proverbial mic.

## WEAPONS ET'S:

The Weapon's Department ETs consists of the following personnel: Division Officer Ensign Snyder, division chief ETC Ayotte, and lead technicians ET1 Whitney, ET3 Koth, ET3 Friand, SNET Mceachern, and SNET Schwatka. The shop maintains the Close in Weapons System (CIWS) and the MK-92 radar. CIWS Techs are ET1 Whitney and SNET Schwatka. MK-92 Techs are ETC Ayotte, ET3 Koth, ET3 Friand, and SNET Mceachern. The systems are fine tuned everyday with pride and professionalism by the WEPS ETs.

## RUSH STYLE UNIFORM

It doesn't matter if we are 2,000 NM from land. We are always expected to wear the Coast uniform with pride. Hair must always been in regulations, everyone must be well-shaven, and you better be able to see yourself in your boots. Below, BM1 Oakes displays a typical USCGC RUSH uniform, demonstrating our sincere sense of honor and pride serving in the U.S. Coast Guard.



# **SUPER SHOUT OUTS!!!!!!**

Hey **Jenn**, **Franklin**, and **Reagan** I have a *SPECIAL* Message from OS2 Lincoln: I

*Love and Miss you all. See you all soon.*

**TIME-OUT!** **ENS Meagan Snyder** has an **URGENT** message from **Tim Snyder**: *Wanted to SHOUT Meagan a Super Happy 23rd Birthday wish (Sept.27th) from all of her friends, family, and dogs here in Park City. We'll have a birthday toast in your honor and wishing you a great day.*

*Paging FS1 Philip Meece, You have a Message from Rachel, Audrey, and Emily: I miss you daddy, Love Audrey Can't wait to see you, Love Emily Love ya babe,*  
**Rachel**

**STOP THE PRESSES!** WE GOT A MESSAGE FROM RACHEL FOR FS1 MARTY SCOTT:  
*Hey Marty, When's the next big party?*

**Attention all Hands**, we are looking for **OS1 MONICA SPEECE** she has a message from **Rachel**: *Hey Mo Keep our guys out of trouble, -Rachel*

**THIS MESSAGE IS ONLY FOR** **Elayne**, **Kai** and **Maydn** FROM OS1 Bruce Saejung: *I Miss you guys and I can't wait to see you. Won't be long. Love you!"*

From the **ONE**, The **ONLY**, **IT1 Parrish**: *"Hello Dakota and Noah!" Daddy Sends: I love you both and can't wait to see you. Kodoo has a big 'ole noggin."*

# PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES



Many RUSH crew members enjoyed visiting Mt. Fuji and along the way visited with some very interesting travelers. Pictured: FN Stapleton, ENS McGuigan, ENS Snyder, ENS Hutchinson, and SN Middleton

Large, jagged hole. No problem. Water spraying at 125 psi. Another day at the office. RUSH crew members demonstrate their DC knowledge by plugging and patching an active, but always fun simulation.



RUSH members frequently visited various unique institutions, learning about the culture and history of Japan. Pictured: YNC Kahoonei, MK2 Kaneakua, MK2 Vega, DC2 Arcangel, SK3 Langas, BM2 Oudraad, MK2 Techaira.



USCGC RUSH firefighters cautiously enter a space suspected of containing hot spots. As you can see, the fire never really stood a chance.

The brave, courageous RUSH firefighters support each other during a crash on deck drill. YNC looks happy in the background, looks like they won't be doing any push ups!



# PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES



Pictured: BOSN (CWO Michael Gephardt and the XO (Commander Estramonte)



Smallboat Engineer MK3 Eisenhower takes a seat to relax a moment while USCGC RUSH runs in the background.



ENS Michelle Casillo climbs Mt. Fuji with two hooded companions



DC3 Four demonstrates how to utilize the PECU (Portable exothermic cutting unit). Many DC techniques are demonstrated during RUSH's DC Rodeo's



BM1 Oakes (Red Cover) and DC3 Four help RUSH members learn how to properly man a charged fire hose.



EM2 Conales explains how to operate the PECU and what kind of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) should be utilized while operating.

# SUPER STAR SECTION

## SUPER STAR BREAK DOWN

<b>Helm/Lookout:</b> The ones who watch the sea and drive our ship.	Well Done! SN Gee, SN Wintersteen, SA Rico, SA Mays, SA Lockhart, and BM3 Daly.
<b>Security Watch:</b> The eyes and hears outside of the engine room.	Congratulations on your qualification! FN Stapleton and DC3 Johnson
<b>Auxiliary Watch:</b> Generators, Boilers, Evaporators, they know it all!	Congratulations to the following members! FN Langley, FN Cordova, and FN Lins.
<b>Engine Room Watch:</b> Big Engines, Big Turbines, and very smart watch standers.	Congratulations, Next Watch! MK3 Dunn, ENS Albe, ENS Hennighausen, and MK2 Melyzcenko
<b>DCPQS:</b> Physically and mentally proficient in all damage control fields.	Well Done, Protect the Ship! FN Angeles, OS2 Lincoln, OS3 Potter, FS1 Meece!
<b>OOD:</b> Direct representative of the Commanding Officer and is the highest ranking bridge watch station.	Congratulations on your qualification! BMC Restle and ENS Casillo!
<b>Flight Deck:</b> Tie-Downs, Fire Team, Fuel Team, LSO's, HCO's, OSL's.	Bravo Zulu! EM3 Burman (Tie-Down) and ET3 Friand (Tie-Down)
<b>Boatswain's Mate of the Watch:</b> The BMOW enforces the interior and exterior safety of the ship.	Great Job! SN Ulmer, SN Cole, SN Valcarcel, and BM3 Aborn.

### *Fair Winds and Following Seas*

-EM1 De La Cruz: EM1 was an amazing help to the RUSH as he assisted with duty EM and various Engineering operations.

-BM2 Hurst: BM2 was a great leader aboard RUSH and will be greatly missed. He departed RUSH in the middle of September and is en route to Bahrain aboard the WPB Maui.

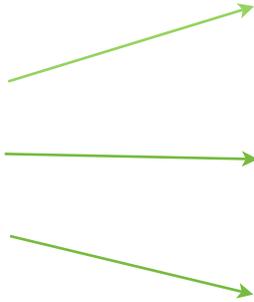
-SN Johnson: SN Johnson was an avid worker and always had a great attitude. SN Johnson is on his way to EM "A" School.

-LT Nossett: LT Nossett (G-OPS) assisted in the Operations relm during his time aboard RUSH. He is on his way back to the USCGC Gallatin to resume his Operation's officer duty.

-LT Johnson: LT Johnson was one of three CG-6515 pilots aboard the RUSH during the first half of our patrol. He is transiting back to Honolulu to resume his aviation duty at Barber's Point.

# FORESIGHT

**Pictured: USCGC RUSH Engineers work on the Helicopter Hangar prior to flight operations. Engineers make sure that each piece of equipment operates to its full mission capability and, most importantly, it is safe for personnel use.**



## **SUPER Shout Out Section!**

Just in case you missed the updates from RUSH HOUR volumes I and II, below is information in which you can provide a shout out to your special RUSH crew member! If you would like a special line to be highlighted in the RUSH HOUR, please add SUPER in the subject line. What we will do for you, is make sure your message stands unique among the others. Please send all shout-outs (Regular or SUPER) to myself, [Brandon.J.Aten@uscg.mil](mailto:Brandon.J.Aten@uscg.mil). Please keep in mind that on occasion it may take a few days for your email to be received, but if you do not see your Shout Out in the most current issue, it will make it on the next issue. Any advice for improvements, please feel free to let me know. The RUSH HOUR is dynamic to your needs.

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### **Public Affairs Note:**

*My name is Brandon Aten and I am the Public Affairs Officer on the USCGC RUSH. Family support holds our men and women on the RUSH dear, so if you would like a*

*message sent to them at any point, please feel free to email me at: [Brandon.J.Aten@uscg.mil](mailto:Brandon.J.Aten@uscg.mil). It has been sometime since the last Newsletter release, but you have my word that future newsletters and*

*articles will come by the dozen. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to informing you on the all the amazing activities RUSH crew members so often achieve.*