

RUSH HOUR

United States Coast Guard Cutter RUSH (WHEC 723)



Captain's Log

From the rocky Northern waters of Pacific to Japan and then to China, RUSH and her crew have become modern day Pacific journeyman. This has been quite the expedition, and though it is not over, RUSH and her crew have responded to all calls both effectively and diligently. RUSH's crew has enjoyed various avenues of cultural activities, especially those experienced in Shanghai, China. Our Chinese friends were amazing hosts, and the city of Shanghai was the perfect highlight to this successful patrol. We were able to exchange a lot of insight on how our different nations share a common interest on Coast Guard activities while learning from each other. This patrol has been an experience no crew member will forget. Now, on our last leg of our patrol, RUSH and her crew will continue to answer the call and do what we always have done, finish strong. See you in a few days.



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From the Crew...

THE BARBER SHOP

by: PA3 J. Young

It's almost dinner time and clearing names off the waiting list at the Rush Barber Shop has already begun. Operations Specialist 2nd Class Andrew Lincoln is the Rush's very own barber and the majority of the crew rely on him while underway to keep their hair looking sharp. Lincoln says he stumbled into the job by accident, but believes it is the best collateral duty the Rush has to offer.

"I was just trying to get a haircut and I asked the [then] barber if he cut hair, but he ended up asking me if I wanted to be the new haircutter," said Lincoln.

Shortly there after Lincoln was attending a five-week course at the Hawaii Institute of Hair Design and has now been cutting hair regularly ever since.

"I don't mind cutting any style of haircuts, as long as the person is happy; that's all I care about," said Lincoln. "I even cut my wife's hair and my sister-in-law."

On average Lincoln cuts four to six crew member's hair a night and usually still has a waiting list to clear. When asked what the best compliment he has ever gotten from a customer, he replied, "This is better than my regular barber's."

AIR RUSH

by: RUSH Basketball Team

The USCGC RUSH was invited to participate in a basketball game with its Chinese counterparts. More than 18 members of the ship volunteered to showcase their skills, and represent the United States. In the end, USCGC RUSH fell to the China (a team which recently finished second at nationals) by seven. Though we did not have the same success as our Olympic team, we played tough defense and grab every loose ball. FN Graham, whom some thought was the younger brother of Pau Gasol, grabbed multiple rebounds and gave the Chinese trouble in the paint. Our Executive Officer, CDR Estramonte, ran the point guard and controlled the tempo while dishing off assists left and right. OS2 Mixon slashed and dashed through the lane, displaying skills comparable to Dwayne Wade. It was a back and forth game to the end, and though we did not finish on top, the fans of both teams dreamt of the day that these two team would meet again. For now, RUSH departs back to its home court in Honolulu, waiting for that second chance. Until then, who's got next? USCGC Jarvis?



Team RUSH prepares for the second half. RUSH trailed by only three points at the half, but could not pull ahead during a back and forth second half.

RUSH EDUCATION

Crew members from the Coast Guard Cutter Rush recently participated in an underway college program while underway patrolling the Pacific Ocean. Cutter Rush is currently on the last leg of a three-month deployment and was fortunate enough to have a college professor from Wayland Baptist University who administered a course on Management. In all sixteen students signed up for the course. One of all ranks from Non-rate to Chief and a Chief Warrant Officer were represented in the class. The course was modified specifically for the Rush's unique mission, which lasted approximately four weeks complete with a midterm, group project and final exam. The command of the Rush worked with the Educational Service Officer and Professor to accommodate scheduled class times along with study time for all of the crew members enrolled. Although, the students had to juggle all of their normal underway duties as well as homework they successfully completed the course. The course will count toward three college credits. In the future the Rush plans to offer more educational opportunities on long-term patrols.



CLASS OF 2009

THE HIGHLIGHT CORNER



MK2
GERALD
TECHAIRA

So, MK2, tell us about your military career thus far?

It's been an interesting ride so far. I've learned a lot since I joined and made really good friends.

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 guy from the Verizon commercials just to make sure I have good cell phone signal on the island. 2. Ronald McDonald for unlimited Big Macs 3. Chuck Norris as Security Guard

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

Sleep for 8 uninterrupted hours.

Favorite food at home/Favorite food on the RUSH?

BBQ short ribs/ salad bar

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

Watch/sleep/Flicon(same as watch)/sleep/"next watch"!

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

My 2006 ford F-150. I never have to fix anything on it. Ford does it instead!!

Any final words, inspirational quotes, or motivational speeches?

"Broke or not, still gotta fix it!"

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.

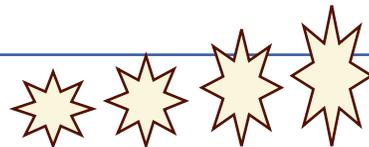
Respectfully,
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Need To Mail A Package To The RUSH?

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 **ENGINEERS FROM THE AUXILIARY DIVISION** will take the proverbial mic.

AUXILIARY MK'S:

The Engineering Department MK's consists of the following personnel: Division Officer Ensign Aten, division chief MKC Vousboukis, and lead technicians MK1 O'Mary, MK1 Widner, MK2 Kaneakua, MK2 Vega, MK3 Eisenhour, FNMK Arauz, and Firemen Lins, Angeles, Perez, and Mehl. The shop maintains all Auxiliary Engineering equipment onboard to include the Emergency Gas Turbine, A/C Units, Fuel Systems, Potable Water System, Sewage Systems, Boilers, and Bow Propulsion Thruster. Commonly known as "A-GANG", they can also be utilized to assist the Main Propulsion MK's when needed.

RUSH STYLE WORK DAY

The work day is formulated with many fine tuned structures. The duty section entertains the mission of which RUSH will accomplish, the off duty personnel will either be working on their divisional duties or conducting training. Keeping a 40 year old ship operational is no easy task, but keeping her running like she is brand new, establishes a sense of pride in all of us. The days are long, but the desired end state requires such effort.



SUPER SHOUT OUTS!!!!!!

THIS MESSAGE IS FROM THE **MK2 SUPERMAN**, ALSO KNOWN AS **MK2 TECHAIRA**, AND THIS IS A FIRST TIME EPIC SHOUT OUT!

Use: 1,000,000 Hugs and Kisses. Love and miss you Laura!

SNGM HOUK HAS AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR TWO VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE:

To my wonderful wife and my funny little boy, I love you both more than you can ever know. I miss you both dearly and look forward to coming home to you.

CAN I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!? **YNC KAHONEI** HAS SOMETHING TO SAY-

To the family, I miss and love you all, and will be home before you know it.

IS THAT THE TURBINES COMING UP? **NO! THE MPA** HAS A SUPER SHOUT OUT:

To Thelma, Kathryn, Steven, and Christian - I love and miss you very much!

THE **GUARDIAN** OF OUR HEALTH, **HSC JACKSON**, HAS A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT:

To Caleb and Joshua! Can't wait to see you.

WHAT IS FASTER THEN A SPEEDING BULLET? A SUPER SHOUT OUT FROM **MK1 MOLATORE!**

To the Molatore family love all and see you all soon

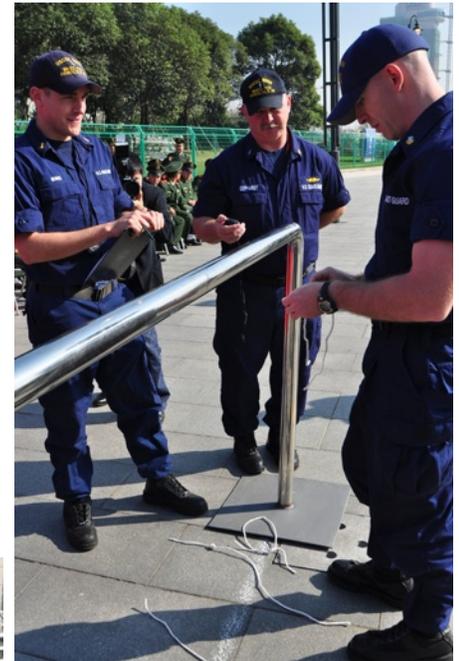
TRANSMITTING A MESSAGE FROM **OS2 ROCHUS** TO **SN GARZON**:

We missed you in Japan and China, I hope all is well in Honolulu. I miss your omelets!

PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES



How fast can you tie a knot? Make it a figure 8 knot. Now, how fast? I bet you can't beat YN2 O'Connor who blew away competition at the professional exchange meeting between RUSH and the Chinese Coast Guard.



RUSH crew members enjoyed the US-Chinese reception (hosted by RUSH) which included Hawaiian food, treats, and assorted beverages. Pictured: ETC Cabel and MKC Vouboukis



The Chinese civil maritime agencies were incredible host as RUSH approach the pier; they rolled out the red carpet.

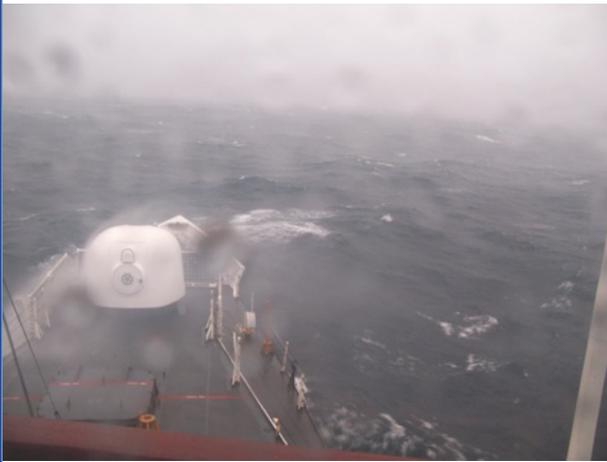


ENS Hartmann and ENS McGuigan take a rare break from work as they enjoy the festivities of RUSH's reception.



SNGM Gillyard demonstrated to the Chinese Coast Guard how to properly throw a mooring ball. Yes, yeah may be a gunner's mate, but he doesn't just hit perfect scores with a gun.

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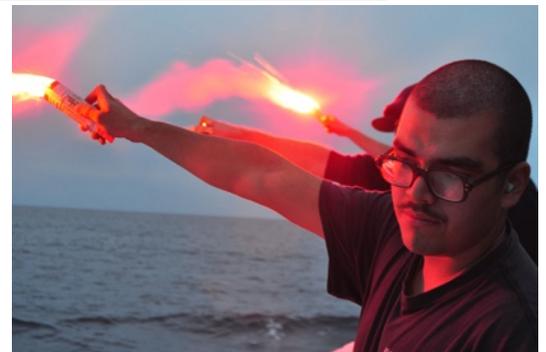
USCGC RUSH takes a storm on head on. Not even Mother Nature can prevent us from completing our mission



A masked watch stander keeps an eye out for any vessels during a storm which you could say, reduced our ability to see.



USCGC RUSH Engineers prepare for a Service Dress Bravo Inspection. Yes, we looked good.



USCGC RUSH personnel conducted training on the various types of pyrotechnics. Pictured: SN Rico

During the Search and Rescue exercise, the Chinese helicopter dropped the rescued personnel on the RUSH.



A USCGC RUSH smallboat crew rescue a man from the depths of the river during the joint Search and Rescue exercise between the U.S. and China



SUPER STAR SECTION

SUPER STAR BREAK DOWN

Helm/Lookout: The ones who watch the sea and drive our ship.	Well Done! SN DeWitt, SN Rios, SN Chamberlain, and SN Cook.
Security Watch: The eyes and hears outside of the engine room.	Congratulations on your qualification! SN Finley, SN Chamberlain, and SN Whaley.
Auxiliary Watch: Generators, Boilers, Evaporators, they know it all!	Congratulations to the following members! FN Thompson, FN Stook, FN Murphy, and FN Perez.
Engine Room: Big Engines, Big Turbines, and very smart watch standers.	Congratulations, You Have Next Watch! EM3 Burman, EM1 Dante, and EM3 Borges-Akau
DCPQS: Physically and mentally proficient in all damage control fields.	Well Done, Protect the Ship! SNGM Gillyard, SN Childers, SNET Schwatka, and SN Chamberlain
Throttleman: They are the controllers of all main propulsion equipment. Their fingers run the ship.	Fantastic Work! ENS Hennighausen, DC2 Arcangel, EM2 Sisneros, MK1 O'Mary.
Flight Deck: Tie-Downs, Fire Team, Fuel Team, LSO's, HCO's, OSL's.	Bravo Zulu! ENS Hutchinson on your LSO qualification!
Boatswain's Mate of the Watch: The BMOW enforces the interior and exterior safety of the ship.	Great Job! SN Middleton and BM3 Daly

Fair Winds and Following Seas

-DCC Wissman: USCGC RUSH's very own fire marshall departed RUSH, but he will be back! He is currently attending Chief Academy School.

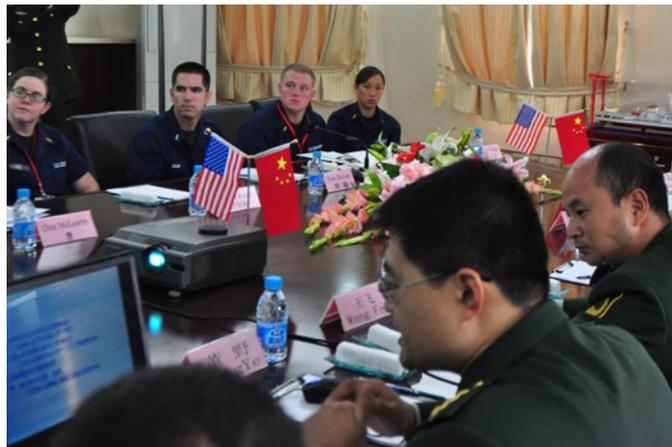
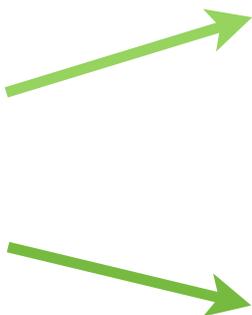
-EM3 Burman: Like DCC Wissman, EM3 Burman will eventually be back to Team Rush. But not before he attains even more knowledge at an Advance Electrical C-School.

-MK2 Lin: MK2 Lin worked as one of the main Chinese translators on the RUSH. His efforts were great, and his contributions will be sorely missed.

-LTjg McLaurin: Like MK2 Lin, LTjg McLaurin worked as a Chinese translator aboard RUSH. He was a fantastic member of the wardroom. He heads back to his main job at Sector LA/LB.

FORESIGHT

Pictured: USCGC RUSH Members participating in a information exchange with the China Coast Guard. Subjects that were discussed include: law enforcement, ship planning, ship structure, and personnel.



LAST CALL FOR SHOUT OUTS!

With one more RUSH HOUR planned to release on our last leg of the patrol, now is your chance! The information is below 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. 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. 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.