

RUSH HOUR



Shipmates,

Congratulations and thank you for a job well done! During the RUSH 2011 Alaska Patrol, your teamwork and professionalism in all our missions helped protect economic interests in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone and national security interests in Alaska's ports and waterways. Please accept my sincere best wishes as we return to the warm weather of Honolulu and extend my expression of gratitude to your families for their support of you and our Coast Guard. Whether you're reuniting with family and friends, traveling, or simply relaxing and enjoying being back in Honolulu -- be safe, look out for yourself, and look out for your shipmates.

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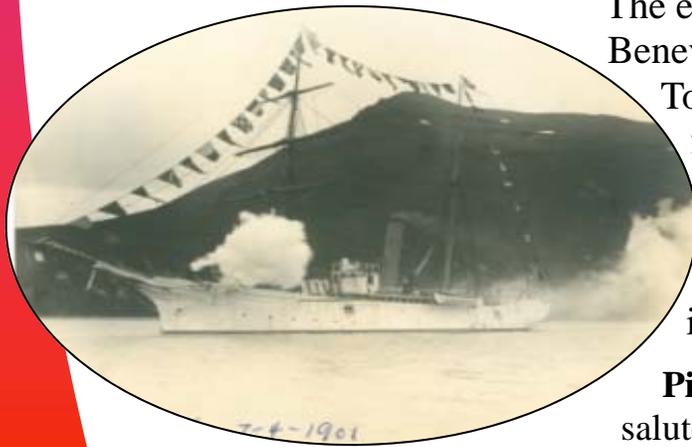
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On the morning of July 4th, 2011, CGC RUSH (WHEC 7123) anchored on the shores of historic Nome, AK. Nine crew members, led by ENS Kelley and ENS Schoknecht, were ferried ashore using the ship's small boat to participate in the town's 110th annual Independence Day Parade. At the head of the procession, RUSH crewmembers acted as the Color Guard. SN Mitchell Hamilton and BM3 Travis Aborn proudly carried the National Ensign and Alaskan State Flag as 600 onlookers cheered in celebration.

Among the spectators on Front Street was Jim "Doc" Fennel. He and over one hundred of his friends visit Nome every summer at an old prospecting camp to hike, pan for gold, and enjoy the rustic Alaskan outdoors. Many of them are veterans, and were especially appreciative of the Coast Guard's contribution to this year's event.

After the parade, The CG Color Guard lined up with local Boy Scout Troop in front of the Dexter Saloon for the official ceremonies. Nome Harbor Master, Joy Baker, sang the Pledge of Allegiance and Alaska's Flag, Alaska's official state song. Afterwards, CAPT James McCauley presented Denise Michels, the Mayor of Nome, with a commemorative plaque for the special occasion.



The entire parade was organized by Richard Beneville, the owner and guide of Nome Discovery Tours. Extremely enthusiastic about this year's festivities, he commented that he was very proud of the Coast Guard's participation. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, CG crewmembers on liberty joined the Nomites in post celebration.

Picture to left: The Revenue Cutter RUSH fires a salute on Independence Day, 1901 outside Sitka, AK.

Dutch Harbor



Well, we arrived in Dutch Harbor again for our final Mid Patrol Break. The scenery definitely improved from the first few times we stopped in! The crew's favorite restaurants were Amelia's, Dutch Harbor Fast Food, The Grand Aleutian, The Airport and, the UniSea Bar.... ...if you don't get that joke, take a vacation up to Dutch Harbor!

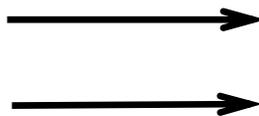


Speaking of vacations to Dutch Harbor... about 13 years ago a Mexican American woman by the name of Amelia decided to take a vacation to Dutch Harbor (yeh... I don't know the story of *why* Dutch Harbor...) and saw the need for a Mexican Cuisine Restaurant... I see the need for a Buffalo Wild Wings, but I will leave that for the next entrepreneur...

Some other popular attractions were Mount Ballyhoo, the Skate Park, and of course... Alaska Ship Supply Store were the crew was able to stock up on the Deadliest Catch gear!



Dutch Harbor at beginning of the Patrol



Dutch Harbor at end of the Patrol



Bravo Zulu ENS Carpenter and Community Service Volunteers!!

The following article, written by ENS Carpenter, was published on the Military.com website on 02AUG11.

Cutter Rush Crew Leaves Mark on Dutch Harbor

The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Rush (WHEC 723) pulled into Dutch Harbor, Alaska, for a mid-patrol break recently. In between rest and relaxation, Rush crewmembers volunteered to do community service projects around the city.

The large signs on Mt. Ballyhoo commemorate the visits of the Coast Guard cutters to the busy port. Throughout the years the large WWII era bunkers overlooking the Coast Guard pier have been made available to visiting Coast Guard cutters to paint their name on in recognition of their contributions to the communities of the Aleutian Islands and their presence in the Bering Sea on patrol. After the city of Dutch Harbor offered Rush the opportunity, Seaman Gabriel Gomez volunteered to lead the project. He coordinated the design, transportation, supplies and personnel involved with the project. Over the three days in port the bunker was emblazoned with Rush to keep its memory in the town of Dutch Harbor for years to come.

Rush crewmembers stayed busy their second day in port helping community members restore the iconic Russian Orthodox Church of Holy Ascension, which was built in 1825. Crewmembers utilized the many talents they have mastered while serving in the Coast Guard and aboard Rush. The electrician mate's shop, led by Chief Petty Officer Calvin Pacheco, rewired much of the building, installed electrical outlets and provided electricity to the church. The damage control shop, led by Chief Petty Officer Nathan Wissmann, applied layers of drywall mud throughout the entire building. Additional crewmembers did much needed yard work, hand sanded a spiral staircase to preserve its structure, and conducted general cleanups within the bishop's house located on the property.

A small contingent of crewmembers also visited the Coast Guard Bering Sea Patrol Monument to pay tribute to the Coast Guardsmen who have lost their lives while serving their country in the Bering Sea. The crewmembers cleaned up the grounds around the park and pulled weeds, leaving the memorial crisp and fresh in appearance. The volunteers also left flowers in memory of the Coast Guardsmen who is buried at this site after losing his life in Dutch Harbor.

Rush's crew continues to execute their core missions in the frigid waters of the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska, including conducting maritime law enforcement, ensuring the safety of life at sea, and conducting marine environmental protection.

!BRAVO ZULU!

09JUL11—EM3 Timothy Burman **Letter of Commendation**

30JUL11—BM3 Travis Aborn **Letter of Commendation**

We didn't have many awards in the month of July, so I was going through some of our older RUSH Hours for inspiration and found a good article on the Boatswain's Mate rating! And so, in bringing back the Rating of the Month:

The most versatile member of the Coast Guard's operational team is the Boatswain's Mate (BM). Boatswain's Mate, are masters of seamanship. BMs are capable of performing almost any task in connection with deck maintenance, small boat operations, navigation, and supervising all personnel assigned to a ship's deck force. BM's have a general knowledge of ropes and cables, including different uses, stresses, strains, and proper stowing. BMs operate hoists, cranes, and winches to load cargo or set gangplanks, stand watch for security, navigation, or communications. BM's can be found in nearly every duty station available throughout the United States and various locations overseas. They serve on every Coast Guard Cutter, from harbor tugs to sea-going ice-breakers. Additionally, in many assignments you will act as the federal law enforcement officer. BM's are officers-in-charge of many patrol boats, tugs, small craft, and small shore units including search and rescue stations and aids to navigation teams. BMs utilize their leadership and expertise to perform the missions of the Coast Guard, at sea and on shore.



Shout-Outs!!!

So.... As a testament to everyone's anxiousness to get back to Honolulu, only one person submitted a Shout-Out.....I should have prefaced the email with the subject title:

**“IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING
GETTING BACK TO HAWAII IN TIME”**

...then maybe more people would have read my email....

Without Further adieu, from DCC Wissmann:

Caroline and Cara, It seem like just yesterday that I left you two rested atop the most beautiful island in all of the Pacific! Anxiously awaiting our reunion.

Always, Nathan

Patrol Highlights!

So.... After sending out an email and posting in the Plan of the Day for people to send stories of their favorite highlights of the patrol, I received one less email than I received for the Shout-OutsI take that to mean that everyone enjoyed the ENTIRE patrol equally!

HOW TO SIMULATE BEING A COASTIE

For all of you who have not joined a Cutter on a patrol before, here are some simple tasks to simulate being a Coastie!

- ▶ Run all the pipes and wires in your house exposed on the walls.
- ▶ Lower all showerheads to four and one-half feet off the deck.
- ▶ When you take showers, make sure you turn off the water while you soap down. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, turn water heater temperature up to 300 degrees. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, turn water heater off. On Saturdays and Sundays tell your family they use too much water during the week, so no bathing will be allowed.
- ▶ Leave your lawn mower running in your living room 24 hours a day for proper noise level.
- ▶ Raise the thresholds and lower the headers of your front and back doors, so that you either trip or bang your head every time you pass through them.
- ▶ Sleep on the shelf in your closet. Replace the closet door with a curtain. Have your spouse whip open the curtain about 4 hours after you go to sleep, shine a flashlight in your eyes, and say "Sorry, wrong rack."
- ▶ Empty all the garbage bins in your house and sweep the driveway three times a day, whether it needs it or not.
- ▶ Have your neighbor collect all your mail for a month, read your magazines, and randomly lose every 5th item before delivering it to you.
 - ▶ Watch no TV except for movies played in the middle of the night. Have your family vote on which movie to watch, and then show a different one.
 - ▶ When your children are in bed, run into their room with a megaphone shouting that your home is under attack and order them to set GQ1.

HOW TO SIMULATE BEING A COASTIE

Part 2

- ▶ Post a menu on the kitchen door informing your family that they are having steak for dinner. Then make them wait in line for an hour. When they finally get to the kitchen, tell them you are out of steak, but they can have dried ham or hot dogs. Repeat daily until they ignore the menu and just ask for hot dogs.
- ▶ Bake a cake. Prop up one side of the pan so the cake bakes unevenly. Spread icing real thick to level it off.
- ▶ Set your alarm clock to go off at random times during the night. At the alarm, jump up and dress as fast as you can, making sure to button your top shirt button and tuck your pants into your socks. Run out into the back yard and uncoil the garden hose.
- ▶ Every week or so, throw your cat or dog in the pool and shout, "Man overboard port side!" Rate your family members on how fast they respond.
- ▶ Place a podium at the end of your driveway. Have your family stand watches at the podium, rotating at 4-hour intervals. This is best done when the weather is worst. January is a good time.
- ▶ Buy a trash compactor but only use it once a week. Store up garbage in your bathtub.
- ▶ Start your car and let it run for 4 hours before going anywhere, to ensure the engine is properly "lit off" and walk around your car for the 4 hours checking the tire pressure every 15 minutes.
- ▶ Make coffee using eighteen scoops of budget priced coffee grounds per pot, and allow the pot to simmer for 5 hours before drinking.
- ▶ Have the paperboy give you a haircut with sheep shears.
- ▶ Lock yourself and your family in the house for six weeks. Tell them that at the end of the 6th week you are going to take them to Disney World for "liberty." At the end of the 6th week, inform them the trip to Disney World has been canceled because they need to get ready for an inspection, and it will be another week before they can leave the house.