

The RUSH HOUR

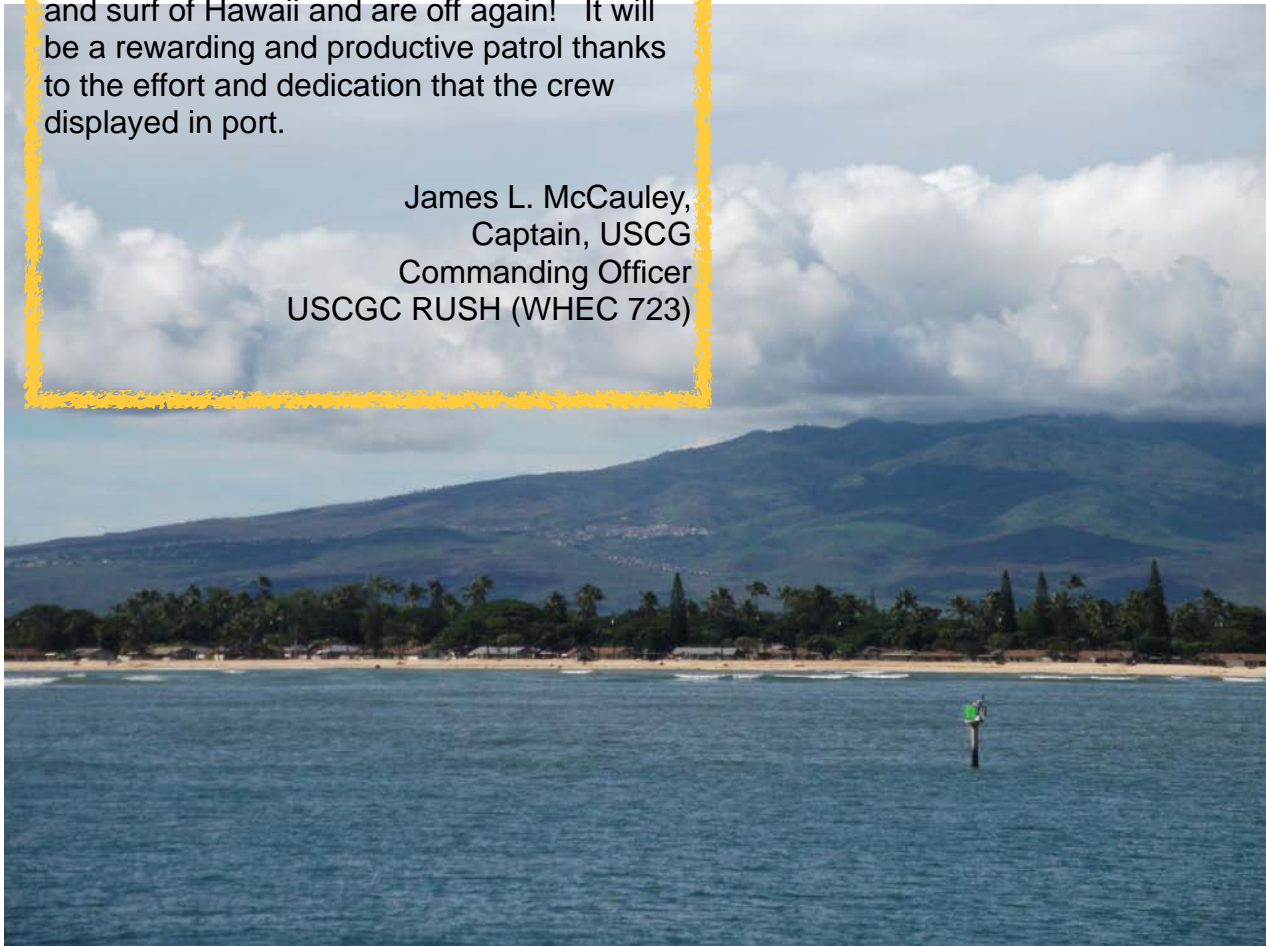
CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Aloha friends, family and shipmates! RUSH certainly had a busy and productive in-port period. The crew has put in a significant amount of effort, working to rehabilitate vital mechanical systems, improve habitability, and prepare the weather decks for our next patrol. We've also been able to take some time out to celebrate our achievements with several morale events. We've been fortunate to recognize the hard work of many of our shipmates to advance and earn awards. We've said our farewells to the beautiful sun and surf of Hawaii and are off again! It will be a rewarding and productive patrol thanks to the effort and dedication that the crew displayed in port.

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Running in Hawaii

One of the great things about living in Hawaii is the amazing weather. Our shipmates took advantage of the year-round road races weather to participate in several of the events around the island. RUSH was represented in the Great Aloha Run, the Ford Island 10K, and the MCBH Kaneohe Swamp Romp, and the Lanikai Triathalon.

Basketball Team

After hours of training in morning pick-up games, RUSH entered two teams in the D14 Inter-unit basketball tournament. After several months of playing regular season games, the teams entered the post-season tournament. Despite playing a solid game, RUSH 2 fell to ANT Honolulu in the second round of tournament play. While RUSH 1 held on a little longer, they too fell to Sector Honolulu. They'll be trained and ready to go for next year!

Advancements

Congrats to all advanced personnel!

ETCS Ayotte
EM1 Curiamao
FS2 Betancourt
FS2 Wearren
ET2 Koth
MK2 Hess
OS3 Alvarado
OS3 Cumbie

Awards

To all of our shipmates, we thank you for your outstanding service!

Commendation Medal
OSC Labine

Achievement Medal:
DC2 Watson, OS1 Speece

Letter of Commendation:
FS2 Epps, OS2 Morris, EM3 Miyajima,
FN Leaverton, SN Dewitt, SN Mays

Sailor of the Quarter:
FS2 Epps

Good Conduct Awards:
MK1 O'Mary (8th award!)
HSC Jackson (6th award!)
MK1 Stewart, FS1 Scott, OS3 Ruch

Sea Service Award
MK1 Stewart, FS2 Wearren, SK1 Garcia,
SN Binder, SN McKesson, FN Sebastian,
SN Hamilton, SN Gomez

Overseas Ribbon:
SKC Drews

Temporary Cutterman:
SNOS Cumbie

Cutterman:
YNC Kahoonei, DCC Wissman,
BM3 Anderson

Community Service

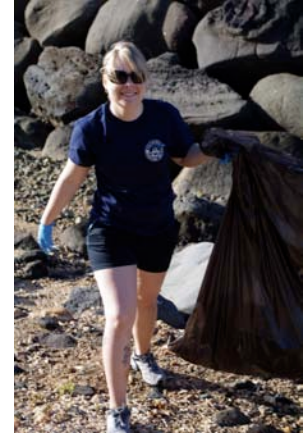


We took some time out of our day to pick up trash and litter in Sand Island Beach Park.

After collecting over five garbage bags of trash, we called it a day!

The park looked so much better and we felt great knowing we had done something

that was important for the community. Mahalo to LTJG Albe, ENS Raines, ENS Arguelles, BMC Restle, MK1 Stewart, MK2 Needham, OS2 Oliver, DC3 Johnson, EM3 Burman, ET3 Knudson, ET3 Hughes, GM3 Chamberlain, OS3 Block, OS3 Alvarado, FN Ames, SN Fields, SN Sistrunk, SN Williams, and SN Willis for participating in the event!



Partnership In Education

RUSHians swarmed the Assets School to help out with their fun fitness day. Although the original plan had to be altered due to rain, the group enjoyed interacting with the kids and teaching them about resting and active heart rates!

Mahalo to ENS Raines, EM1 Curimao, IT2 Carlson, EM3 Burman, EM3 Borges-Akau, MK3 Castellini, OS3 Cumbie, OS3 Zienkiewicz, SN Garrett, SN Lockhart, SN Parks, and FN Piper for volunteering! Mahalo to Ms Nadia Carofalo and Ms Shaaroni Wong for coordinating efforts with the school.



OMBUDSMAN'S CORNER

Aloha RUSH Families! As you may or not know, there are two new Ombudsmen for RUSH and we would like to officially introduce ourselves.

Aloha! My name is Lydia Bartley and I am going to be a new co-ombudsman for RUSH. I was born and raised in North Carolina, but have also lived in Virginia and California. As Ombudsman, I'm here to assist you and your families in any way that I can, so don't hesitate to email or call me! Mahalo!

Aloha! My name is Tyrae Costa and I am happy to be serving as your new co-ombudsman for the RUSH. I am prior Active Duty Coast Guard and have been stationed in various places in California prior to our arrival in Honolulu last year. I have experience working with CG Housing, answering a CG Service/Information phone line and onboard the SHERMAN out of Alameda. I hope that through my experience in the Coast Guard both as a service member and a spouse thus far, I will be able to assist you with anything you or your family may need. Mahalo!

The current contact information for the Ombudsman will stay the same. For the security and safety of our service members, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in keeping our contact list updated! If you would like to receive emails from the RUSH, please send us the following information:

Name of the Service Member
Your name and relationship to the Service Member
Current e-mail address
Telephone (optional)
On or off-island

Please note that if we do not receive this information and can not verify who you are in relation to the ship, you will not be eligible to receive emails from the command. We look forward to serving you and getting to know those who support the RUSH as much as we do!

Mahalo!

Tyrae Costa and Lydia

Please send any and all shout outs for the next edition of the RUSH HOUR to ENS Caitlyn Raines at caitlyn.e.raines@uscg.mil

Mail Call!

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