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Commanding Officer

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1. **Welcome!** USCGC FARALLON (WPB 1301) is the first of the 110' Island Class Patrol Boats. FARALLON conducts a variety of traditional Coast Guard missions, with the bulk of time spent primarily on search and rescue, law enforcement, and undocumented alien interdiction operations.

2. **Watchstanding.** The typical watch rotation will depend on the number of people qualified in your respective Department. Most patrols last anywhere from 8-12 days. Your assignment here will be one of the most challenging and demanding of your career, however, your focused dedication will ensure that this tour is also one of the most rewarding.

3. **Homeport.** FARALLON moors at Sector San Juan which provides command and support services to the men and women assigned to Coast Guard assets located in Puerto Rico. Sector San Juan is home to seven patrol boats: CGC FARALLON, CGC CUSHING, CGC MATINICUS, CGC CHINCOTEAGUE, CGC KEY LARGO, CGC SAPELO and CGC REEF SHARK. In addition to the fleet of patrol boats, other tenant commands include Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team Puerto Rico and Station San Juan. The base offers the conveniences of an Exchange, Barbershop, ATM, Medical and Dental Clinic and an All-Hands Club. Recreational facilities at Sector San Juan include a weight room, volleyball court and basketball court. Rooms are available for unaccompanied Petty Officers and Non-Rates. Petty Officers and non-rated personnel may also be eligible for Coast Guard leased housing.

4. **Mission Execution.** FARALLON's career has been both illustrious and diverse since commissioning on 31 July 1985. To date, FARALLON has aggressively executed numerous law enforcement missions resulting in the interdiction and seizure of illegal drugs and undocumented aliens destined for the United States. Some noteworthy cases include:

- a) M/V LINDA PATRICIA – 21 Apr 1987, 20 Tons of Marijuana
- b) FL 4877 GE – 22 Nov 1989, 900 lbs of Cocaine
- c) F/V VIRGO – 17 May 1990, 1225.5 lbs of Cocaine
- d) FL 7175 GX – 13 Jun 1991, 1285 lbs of Cocaine
- e) M/V GREAT NORTHWEST EXPRESS – 19 Jul 1996, 165 lbs of Cocaine
- f) G/F SASHA – 11 Feb 1997, 1600 lbs of Cocaine
- g) S/V LAUREL – 13 Apr 2010, 629 lbs of Cocaine
- h) M/V ELBA – 05 Oct 2010, 195 lbs of Cocaine
- i) S/V PHANTASEA – 24 Dec 2010, 703 lbs of Marijuana

Other operations have included a Fishery Patrol in the Oculina Banks, joint operations with the U.S. and British Naval Forces, UK Regional Maritime Technical Assistance in May & November 2010, security zone operations for the grounding of the M/V IGLOO MOONI, rescuing and bringing to freedom many Cuban refugees, Alien Migration Interdiction Operations (AMIO), and numerous Search and Rescue (SAR) cases.

5. Command Structure. FARALLON's crew consists of 2 officers and 14 enlisted personnel. The billet structure is as follows:

Commanding Officer: LT
Executive Officer: LTJG
Engineering Dept: MKC, EM1, MK2, MK3, FN
Operations Dept: BM1, FS2, BM3
Deck Dept: BM1, BM2, GM2, 3 SN

6. Reporting In. First, call us at (787) 729-4385 and talk to your sponsor who is listed on your Welcome Aboard Message. Upon arrival you should report to FARALLON's inport OOD. In the event FARALLON is underway, report to the Sector San Juan OOD. The gate guard will give you directions as needed. The uniform for reporting aboard is Tropical Blue.

7. Coast Guard Housing. Coast Guard Housing is located on 37.5 acres of CG Owned land in Rio Bayamon, PR. Facilities include a pool, basketball and tennis courts, community center, weight room, Teen Center, a self-help/maintenance shop, several Play grounds and a Child Development Center. Each housing unit is equipped with central A/C, electric range and vented hood, solar heater, refrigerator, dish washer, garbage disposal, washer and dryer hook ups, screened patio and cable ready access within every room. Regardless of whether you choose to buy or rent, you must first obtain a release from assignment to government housing through the Housing Office. Maintain close communication with both your sponsor and the housing officer to ensure a smooth and easy transfer. More information on Rio Bayamon Family Housing can be found here: <http://www.uscg.mil/sectorsanjuan/housing.asp>

8. Travel Tips. If possible, coordinate your arrival with your sponsor. He may be able to meet you at the airport; otherwise, the best way to travel to CG Base San Juan is by cab. There are no subways or direct bus lines to Base San Juan. The cost for a cab will be approximately \$30. Cab service is always readily available from the airport. Advise the cab driver that you want to go to Coast Guard Base San Juan located at 5 Calle La Puntilla in Old San Juan.

9. Vehicles / Parking. Vehicles must have a valid Coast Guard vehicle decal within two days on the base. Temporary passes are issued for the initial 2-day period. You must have proof of full coverage auto/motorcycle insurance for the SPO Admin Office to issue a Coast Guard sticker.

10. Mail. Your address for personal mail is:

Your Name / Rate / Rank
USCGC FARALLON (WPB 1301)
5 Calle La Puntilla
San Juan, PR 00901-1818

11. Pay / Personnel Problems. Sector San Juan SPO will assist with problems that may have concerning travel claims, pay, etc. They can be reached at (787) 729-5369.

12. Medical and Dental. Sector San Juan has an excellent Health Services Clinic staffed by a Medical Officer, a Dental Officer and several Corpsmen to serve you. The health care provided by this team is a great value for quick professional service and peace of mind. Dependent and retired members of the community are seen on a limited space available basis.

Health and Dental Services: (787)729-2396

Emergencies are treated at all times. Emergencies that cannot be treated on base will be transferred to various civilian hospitals based on the nature of the emergency.

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All personnel are encouraged to review personnel and family TRICARE information to ensure that all members are designated as residing in TRICARE Overseas with a Primary Care Clinic listed.

Again, WELCOME ABOARD! Please call your sponsor at any time and introduce yourself.

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