

Meet the Command



Commanding Officer

Captain Edward Westfall

Executive Officer

Commander Keith Ropella

Engineer Officer

Lieutenant Jeremy Yandell

Operations Officer

Lieutenant Joseph DiRenzo

Weapons Officer

Lieutenant Junior Grade Gene Storer

Supply Officer

Chief Warrant Officer Jacques Faur

Command Chief

SKC Daryl Bernard

Crew: 166 (24 Officers, 142 Enlisted)



Decommissioning

After nearly 50 years of committed service to the nation, Boutwell is scheduled to decommission in 2016. Although Boutwell's fate is still being considered, her decommissioned sister ships are currently serving the navies of Bangladesh, Nigeria, and the Philippines in their second careers. As her service to the U.S. Coast Guard comes to an end, she will always be remembered for her prestigious legacy and reputation as "The Best in the West."



Fair Winds & Following Seas
~The Boutwell Crew

Learn More

To learn more about the Cutter Boutwell and her crew, please visit our website:

<http://www.uscg.mil/pacarea/cgcboutwell/>



United States Coast Guard Cutter **BOUTWELL (WHEC 719)**



Homeport: San Diego, CA

Keel Laid: Dec. 12, 1966

Launched: June 17, 1967

Commissioned: June 24, 1968



Cutter History

1967 - Boutwell is launched at the Avondale Shipyard located in New Orleans, LA. She is named after George S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury under President Ulysses S. Grant.

1968 - Boutwell is commissioned and sets sail for her first homeport in Boston, MA.

1973 - Boutwell shifts homeports from Boston to Seattle, WA. En-route, she is diverted on a SAR case, saving the fishing vessel Juliette which was taking on water off the coast of Oregon.

1980 - Boutwell participates in the largest at sea rescue ever recorded, saving 519 lives from the cruise ship *Prinsendam* stranded in the frigid Gulf of Alaska.

1988 - Boutwell fires upon and disables the vessel *Encounter Bay*, interdicting over 50 tons of marijuana.

1989 - Boutwell is decommissioned in order to complete an extensive midlife overhaul and upgrade known as Fleet Renovation and Modernization (FRAM).

1991 - Boutwell is re-commissioned after completion of FRAM and shifts homeports to Alameda, CA.

1998 - Boutwell executes the then largest high-seas drift net bust in the history of the CG.

2003 - Boutwell sails to the Arabian Gulf, where she participates in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

2005 - After successfully utilizing the newly created "Go-Fast Response Teams," Boutwell seizes 28,000 lbs of cocaine valued at \$900 million.

2009 - Boutwell sets sail as part of the USS BOXER Expeditionary Strike Group on an around-the-world tour. During the deployment, Boutwell intercepted a pirate vessel, detaining seven suspects.

2011 - Boutwell shifts homeports to San Diego, California.

Our Missions

Law Enforcement

Boutwell often deploys to Central America to participate in "Operation Martillo," a multinational mission focused on the detection, monitoring, and interdiction of illegal narcotics.

Search and Rescue

When on patrol, Boutwell is often redirected to assist with vessels in distress. These case-by-case missions range from full crew rescues to individual helicopter medical evacuations.

Maritime Security

Boutwell is capable of providing security zones for high-profile assets stationed at sea.

National Defense

With similar equipment and capabilities as that of a frigate, Boutwell operates with US and international naval forces when needed.

Characteristics

Length: 378 ft 3 in

Beam: 42 ft

Draft: 15 ft 7 in

Propulsion Plant: 2 Main Diesel Engines & 2 Main Gas Turbines

Max Speed: 27.5 Knots

Max Range: 14,000 miles

Armament

76 mm Deck Gun

Mk19, 20mm Close-In Weapons System

2 - Mk38, 25mm Bushmaster machine guns

2 - .50 caliber machine guns

Recent Exploits



During two Joint Interagency Task Force South Deployments in 2014 and 2015, Boutwell conducted 22 go-fast vessel pursuits, resulting in 10 interdictions, 6 disruptions, the apprehension of 33 suspected narcotics smugglers, and seizure of nearly 8,000 pounds of cocaine valued at \$115 million. Additionally, Boutwell served as the holding platform for all contraband interdicted by US Navy, US Coast Guard, and partner nation assets, transferring more than 28 tons of cocaine to the Drug Enforcement Administration during two bulk offloads in San Diego, CA. Recently Boutwell was featured on Fusion's "Drug Wars", highlighting her 2014 counterdrug deployment.

This past summer, Boutwell patrolled along Alaska's expansive Aleutian Island chain and in the Bering Sea, enforcing federal safety and living marine resources laws. Additionally, she participated in Operation Arctic Shield, protecting those in and around the Shell oil rigs currently drilling in the Arctic Ocean.

