

# BEAR TRACKS

## USCGC BEAR NEWSLETTER

Written by BEAR Sailors for BEAR Sailors, Family, and Friends  
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### JIATF-South Patrol

Hello BEAR Sailors, family and friends and welcome back after patrolling the Caribbean Sea! The BEAR crew is delighted to be home for the summer months after nearly 70 days away from homeport. BEAR patrolled in support of Joint Interagency Task Force South conducting drug interdiction operations throughout the Caribbean Sea. While BEAR enjoyed early success with the interdiction of a Non-compliant vessel and prosecution of 5 suspected smugglers onboard, our boarding opportunities for the remainder of the patrol were limited. We were however, still actively involved in counter drug operations and were vital in the disruption of multiple drug cases. While in the hunt, BEAR prepared for the busy inport highlighted by a Command Assessment of Readiness for Training (CART) Inspection, Aviation Certification Inspection and a three week Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) all of which will take place prior to BEAR's next patrol. The crew has enthusiastically embraced this challenge, conducting repairs and trainings to ensure BEAR's success for all the inspections. Bravo Zulu to all crewmembers for their hard work and motivation this past patrol! We welcomed two new permanent cuttermen, MK2 Polley and FS2 Meyers and shared in the enjoyment of the advancements of YNC Karim, ITC Bryce, FS2 Meyers and the promotion of FSC Eakes to Chief Warrant Officer. Congratulations to all on your accomplishments and dedication this past patrol. Good luck to all BEAR Sailors who will be departing us this transfer season for their next units. Enjoy the Virginia summer!

### Welcome Aboard!

- LT Galgano
- ENS White
- ENS Clarkin
- ENS Bienlien
- CWO2 Tahtinen
- YN1 Lukkes
- SK1 Gillespie
- BMC Stephens
- ME1 Reinhart
- IT2 Griffiths
- BM3 Pickering
- SNFS Morin
- LCDR Motion (TAD)
- LT Moulder (TAD)
- LT Wilson (TAD)
- ENS Gathy (TAD)
- BMC Peters (TAD)
- GM1 Gracia (TAD)
- ME1 Leach (TAD)
- AET1 Serrano (TAD)
- AMT2 Guthrie (TAD)
- AMT3 Florence (TAD)
- AMT3 Andrae (TAD)
- MK3 Lang (TAD)

### Fair Winds and Following Seas

- CDR Stockwell
- LT Bell
- CWO2 Dalton
- LTJG Maio
- LTJG Bratman
- LTJG Rauch
- YNC Karim
- SKC Weschrek
- OS2 Lucci
- BM2 Stocker
- IT2 Silva
- BM3 Langlois
- ET3 Joliceour
- FN Stanley
- FN Shelton
- SN Pfister

# FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Hello BEAR Family and Friends,

As we near the end of another patrol, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the tremendous efforts of your BEAR crewmembers with a few highlights from the patrol. When we left home in April, we immediately started conducting operations at sea. We worked with the Maritime Security Response Team (MSRT) out of Chesapeake to conduct hook and climb exercises as we transited out to sea. A few days later we arrived in Mayport, embarked our Aviation Detachment, and completed work ups to certify ready for our assigned counter-drug mission. As we departed Mayport, we had the opportunity to honor our profession and two fellow service members by conducting burial at sea ceremonies. Not long after transiting down to the operational area we had our first case resulting in a successful interdiction. For logistics reasons we ended up shifting our first planned port call to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After a few days of some well deserved rest and relaxation in GTMO, BEAR was back in the hunt patrolling. We assisted another cutter prosecute a case by launching our helicopter to support them assisting in another disruption. We celebrated Memorial Day through sharing presentations about CG Heroes on the mess deck, having a moment of silence for those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our great nation, and finished the day off with some great food and a morale skeet shoot off the forecastle. We went back to GTMO for our second port call, completing some critical repairs, receiving lots of parts from home, and both saying goodbye to a few shipmates and welcoming aboard a few new shipmates. Lots of patrolling, training, maintenance, and preparations for upcoming assessments later, we went to our final port call in the island nation of Bonaire. Bonaire proved to be a popular stop for the crew, with many enjoying the world-class diving and snorkeling around the island, and we again welcomed aboard a few new shipmates. While in Bonaire we also had the opportunity to give back to the local community by doing some volunteer work at two community centers, which concluded with a pick up soccer match with local school children. We continued patrolling for a few days following our departure from Bonaire and are currently transiting home. We are all very excited to reunite with our loved ones back home.

I again want to express my utmost gratitude for the extraordinary efforts and sacrifices BEAR crew, family, and friends have made over the past year serving our great nation. Being assigned to a cutter is not easy, but I truly believe it is the most rewarding experience in the Coast Guard. Thank you for your continued support of BEAR's crew. We look forward to returning home and spending some well deserved time with all of our family and friends very soon

Best Regards,  
CDR Andrew Meverden, Commanding Officer



# QUALIFICATIONS

## **Underway Officer of the Deck (OOD)**

ENS Ludewig  
ENS Gathy  
BMC Peters  
BM2 Shore

## **Quartermaster of the Watch (QMOW)**

SN Barefield  
SN Walters

## **Boatswain's Mate of the Watch (BMOW)**

GM2 Ross  
SN Conty  
SN Weers  
SN Slater  
SN Dervin  
SN Dore

## **Helm and Lookout**

SN Behr  
SN Warren  
SN Kordes  
SN Kane

## **Master Helmsman**

SN Dervin  
SN Conty

## **Cutter Swimmer**

BM2 Shore

## **Underway EOW**

EMC Daniel  
MK2 Fleming

## **Throttleman**

MK3 Pipak

## **Inport/Underway Security Watchstander**

DC2 Laursen  
MK2 Polley  
MK3 Pipak  
MK3 Richardson  
FN Stevens  
FN Sammet

## **Boat Davit Operator**

ET2 Impeartrice

## **Boat Deck Safety Observer**

ET2 Impeartrice

## **Fuel, Oil, and Water King (FOWK)**

MK1 Stommel

## **CIC Watch Supervisor**

OS3 Adair

## **CIC Watchstander**

ET1 Barnes  
OS2 Shirey

## **Boarding Officer**

ENS Davis  
ENS Moreno  
ENS Gathy

## **Boarding Team Member**

ENS Davis  
ENS Moreno  
ENS Gathy  
ENS Ludewig  
ME1 Leach  
IT2 Caruso

## **Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Sentry**

ENS Davis  
ENS Moreno  
ENS Gathy  
ENS Ludewig  
ME1 Leach  
IT2 Caruso

## **Non-Compliant Vessel Pursuit Crewmember**

MK1 Scott

## **Non-Compliant Vessel Pursuit Coxswain**

BM1 Daigle

## **Helicopter Control Officer (HCO)**

ENS Kenney

## **Landing Signals Officer (LSO)**

ET1 Barnes

## **Flight Deck Fire Party Team Member**

DC2 Laursen  
MK3 Pipak  
FN Stevens  
FN Sammet

## **Flight Deck Tie Down Crewmember**

SN Hidalgo Fernandez  
SN Dervin  
SN Weers

## **Rescueman**

DC2 Laursen

## **Aviation Fuel Handler**

MK2 Polley  
FN Shelton  
FN Stevens

## **Basic Damage Control**

ET1 Barnes  
IT2 Griffiths  
OS2 Shirey  
MK2 Polley  
DC2 Laursen  
SN Kordes  
SN Kane  
FN Stevens  
FN Sammet

## **Advanced Damage Control**

DC2 Laursen  
MK3 Pipak  
SN Moore  
FN Sammet

# HARD WORK PAYS OFF



## PERMANENT CUTTERMEN:

**FS2 Meyers**  
**MK2 Polley**

## AWARDS:

### **Achievement Medal:**

*F&S2 Eakes*  
*SKC Weschrek*  
*OS1 Murray*  
*OS2 Lucci*  
*BM2 Stocker*  
*EM2 Kees*  
*FS2 Meyers*  
*BM3 Langlois*  
*OS3 Noble*  
*ET3 Ploski*  
*ET3 Jolicoeur*



### **Letter of Commendation:**

*LTJG Maio*  
*LTJG Bratman*  
*YNC Karim*  
*ITC Bryce*  
*DC2 Ruble*  
*SN Walters*

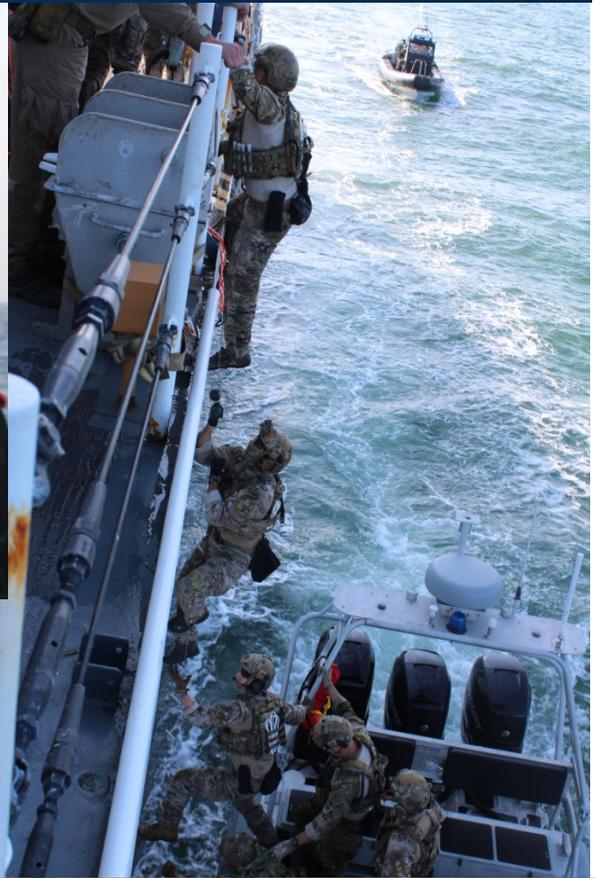


### **Good Conduct Ribbons:**

*SKC Weschrek*  
*OS1 Verden*  
*FS1 Lamm*  
*BM2 Stocker*  
*EM2 Kees*  
*MK3 Carie*  
*FS3 Beaty*



# ALL IN A DAY'S WORK...



# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

After a quick but busy inport period, BEAR kicked off her patrol by going on a shakedown cruise and anchoring overnight in Chesapeake Bay. This allowed the machinery plant and the engineering department led by **LT Anais Greenley** to be tested for the first time in over 8 weeks.

Shortly into the patrol, BEAR suffered a governor malfunction on the #2 ships service diesel generator. The main propulsion division led by **CWO2 Paul Dalton** and **MKC Michael Allen** in conjunction with the EM shop led by **EMC Demosthenes Daniel** was able to quickly trouble shoot the problem and repair the system to get the #2 SSDG and get it back online.

BEAR's second port call in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba came with a large shipment of parts to help BEAR prepare for her upcoming CART inspection. **MK1 Robert Scott** expertly sorted through the large amount of supplies to ensure all engineering parts were accounted for and handed off to the correct division to be installed and clear discrepancies.

Shortly after leaving GTMO, BEAR once again found herself running at handle position ten in pursuit of a case. Shortly after coming up in speed, the throttle watch stander, **EM2 Bryan Kees**, noticed a hydraulic leak on the #2 main reduction gear. The #2 main diesel engine was quickly secured and general emergency was set. The leak was repaired and quickly cleaned up by **MK1 Landon Carter**, **EM1 Nicholas Colletti**, **MK1 Robert Scott**, **MK2 Brett Winkelmann**, **MK2 Stephen Fleming**, **DC2 Dennis Laursen**, **MK3 Camden Carie**, **MK3 Andrew Pipak**, **MK3 Jordan Lang**, **FN Jackson Sloan**, **FN Benson Stevens** and BEAR was able to resume running 10s without any further problems. Several days later a similar casualty occurred and BEAR's crew was once again able to quickly respond, clean up and get the propulsion plant back online.

BEAR's third port call in Kralendijk, Bonaire turned out to be an eventful port call for the engineering department. Upon pulling in BEAR's main propulsion division went to work replacing another SSDG governor. While Main Prop was working down in the hole, the DC division consisting of **DC1 Lucas Mangold**, **DC2 James Ruble**, **DC2 Dennis Laursen**, **DC3 Ryan Bosley**, **DC3 Blas Pulgarvidal**, and

**DC3 Anthony Jaime** and led by **LTJG Parker Bratman** took advantage of the laundry room being secured and removed all of the alpha material (wood) holding the washers and dryers in place and replaced it with freshly manufactured and painted metal supports.

Throughout the course of the patrol Bear conducted over 40 helo sorties. The aviation fueling team consisting of **MK1 Landon Carter**, **MK2 Stephen Fleming**, **MK2 Stephen Polley**, **MK3 Kendra Richardson**, **FN Patrick Raph**, **FN Carlos Rodriguez Felix**, **FN Peter Sammet** and **FN James Shelton** ensured the helo was always able to stay topped off on fuel. **EM3 Tyler Burns** stood by in the hangar ensuring flight deck lighting was always correct for the situation.



# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (CONT.)

During flight operations, the flight deck fire team led by **LTJG Parker Bratman**, **ENS Lexie Ludewig**, and **DC1 Lucas Mangold** and consisting of **DC2 James Ruble**, **DC2 Dennis Laursen**, **DC3 Ryan Bosley**, **DC3 Anthony Jaimie**, **DC3 Blas Pulgarvidal**, **EM3 Malik Jones**, **MK3 Andrew Pipak**, **MK3 Camden Carie**, **FN Jackson Sloan**, **FN Justin Stanley**, and **FN Edward Williams** were always standing by ready to react in the event of a casualty.

Over the course of the patrol, BEAR's two quick stops in Mayport, Florida and three ports calls allowed the fueling officer **ENS Lexie Ludewig** and the fueling teams to take on 120,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 9,000 gallons of JP-5, 1,500 gallons of lube oil and offload over 5,000 gallons oily waste. With the combined efforts from BEAR's FOWKs, **MK1 Edward Stommel**, **MK1 Landon Carter**, **MK2 Stephen Fleming**, and **MK3 Richard Williams**, all evolutions went as quick and smooth as possible keeping BEAR topped off on fuel and ready to conduct operations.



# OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

This patrol marked the completion of five consecutive JIATF South deployments, making CGC BEAR one of the most prominent law enforcement forces in the Caribbean Sea. BEAR's Operations department, led by **LT Daniel Bell**, continues to fine-tune its impressive ability to detect targets of interest, locate contraband, and complete case packages. The operational highlight of this patrol was the boarding of F/V RASPUTIN, which will lead to the prosecution of five suspected narcotics smugglers. Additional operational highlights were the completion of large quantities of flight operations and boat operations, adding to crew qualification and extending BEAR's visibility to further disrupt the flow of contraband in the Caribbean.

**WEAPONS DIVISION** - The Weapons Division, consisting of **GM2 James Hoff**, and **GM2 Thomas Ross**, welcomed aboard **GM1 Jonathan Gracia** as a temporary member to the Division. Our Gunners Mates are responsible for keeping all of the firearms in good working order and ready to defend our crewmembers. As a result of all their hard work, the division conducted its first 76mm shoot in over a year, qualifying **GM2 Hoff** and **GM2 Ross** as Mount Captains and **SK2 Catalioto**, **BM3 Santos** and **FS3 Tucker** as the mis-fire team! Furthermore, our Gunner's Mates also exercised the .50 caliber machine guns for surface warfare and qualifying **ME3 McAbee** as a Mount Captain.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION** - This patrol, **ME3 Christopher McAbee** welcomed **ME1 Christina Leach** from MSST LALB as a temporary member to the Law Enforcement Division and **ME1 Noah Reinhart** as the new Lead Petty Officer for the LE Division. Together they spent many hours conducting law enforcement training, allowing for the qualification of three Boarding Officers, two Boarding Team Members, and six Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Sentries.

**COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER** - The Operations Specialists: **OS1 Rebecca Murray**, **OS1 Paula Verden**, **OS2 Michael Lucci**, **OS2 Josh Shirey**, **OS3 James Noble**, and **OS3 Turner Adair** led by **ENS Nicole Kenney** and **OSC Donald Newton**. CIC stood

vigilant watches during the patrol, maintaining the overall tactical operational picture for the command. This kept BEAR in the best possible position for mission success. BEAR's OS's ensured the unit was able to effectively communicate with our assets and interagency partners while executing simultaneous complex evolutions. The division is proud of the latest addition to our shop, **OS2 Shirey**, who quickly earned his CIC Watchstander qualification. In addition, **OS3 Adair** completed all necessary requirements to become a CIC Watch Supervisor. This patrol was the final one for **OS1 Murray**, **OS2 Lucci**, and **OS3 Noble**. Their contributions over their respective three years will have lasting impacts to the future success of the division. From all of us who will continue to build on their successes, Fair Winds and Following Seas shipmates.

**ELECTRONICS**- A strong and dedicated group of shipmates, BEAR's ELEX division had great achievements during the Spring-Summer patrol. Back in April, the ETs made extra preparations to get underway, supplementing the routine lighting off and testing of equipment with the installation of a brand new, high definition, Direct TV antenna. The shop welcomed **ET1 Jennifer Barnes** for her first patrol on BEAR, and this was the final patrol for two of the shop's experts, **ET3 Michael Ploski**, who will be taking his talents to ESD Cape Cod, MA and **ET3**



# OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT (CONT.)

**Nicholas Jolicoeur**, who has completed his time in the service and begun a new chapter of his life as a civilian attending the City College of San Francisco. Veteran BEAR Technicians **ETC William Coffey**, **ET2 Jeremy Moore**, **ET2 Anthony Impeartrice**, and **ET3 Patrick Wilson** sailed for another patrol, continuing their time on BEAR solving electrical issues with innovative repairs and workarounds. The ITs continued to provide excellent technical support to the crew, making repairs to computers and managing networks, making all effort to maximize underway internet connectivity. The IT shop congratulates two of its own, **ITC Daniel Bryce** for advancing to Chief Petty Officer this patrol, and **IT2 Christopher Silva** for completing an outstanding tour on BEAR and starting a new job at TRACEN Petaluma, CA. **IT2 Richard Caruso** continued to build strong expertise in preparation for transfer season, and helped the shop's newest arrival **IT2 Christopher Griffiths** begin what is sure to be a rewarding tour onboard BEAR.

Congratulations on another successful patrol, Operations Department!



# SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

The SK Department was in high gear this patrol. Our team pulled off some amazing logistic miracles in Mayport, FL grabbing the last parts needed for patrol. The team has pushed through multiple PR's, MILSTRIPS and CASREPS not only getting BEAR ready for CART and SMART inspections upon returning to homeport but also getting a head start on next patrol's needs. They have truly faced adversity and came out ahead of the game with logistic issues on MILSTRIP parts coming out of SLFC. **SK2 Catalioto** continues to work towards being versatile for BEAR as he worked on his Boarding Team Member and Helo Tie Down Qualification. He also had personnel growth this patrol as he passed his E6 EPME Test and SK1 ERATs Test. Congratulations and good luck on the November SWE! **SK2 Gibson** worked towards getting his SK1 ERAT's sign offs completed and worked towards passing his E6 EPME test. We welcome aboard **SK1 Heather Gillespie** reporting from C3CEN. She has quickly adapted to being underway and already has started to knock out her In port Security, GPOW, and Basic DCPQS qualification packages. She brings a great attitude and vast knowledge to the table and we welcome her to the family. We also welcome aboard our new Department Head, **CWO Tahtinen**, who is coming to us from CGC HAMILTON. **SKC Weschrek** played a vital role this patrol as acting Suppo until CWO Tahtinen could meet up with the cutter. She also continued to help with HELO Ops participating in over 150 evolutions on deck this patrol and helped re-qualify 1 member as LSO and to train 3 new LSO's. We say fair winds and following seas to **SKC Weschrek** as she leaves us and heads to SLFC where she will continue to take care of BEAR and the entire medium endurance cutter product line.

**HSC Dixon** has had a busy patrol having to cover a multitude of issues for our members. He diligently kept BEAR mission ready giving member's stitches while in less than agreeable sea's and also dealing with a number of scrapes, bumps, cuts, burns, and the normal sea sickness issues. He has provided a plethora of very realistic training sections using props and makeup to keep Bear's crew ready to handle any emergency that may come their way.

As always HSC Dixon has made sure the crew is physically ready for the mission ensuring we all have appointments setup for return to home port.

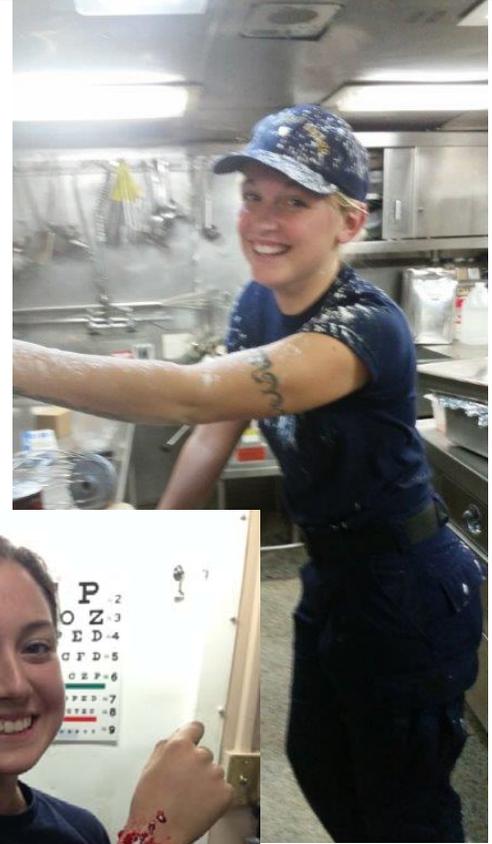
**YNC Karim** helped get multiple personnel ready for transfer season, processing PCS Departing Worksheets, helping members getting moving needs handled, as well as preparing multiple awards and making travel arrangements for newly reporting personnel and departing personnel. We say fair well and following seas to YNC Karim as he heads off to Washington, DC to work in the travel claims department. We welcome aboard **YN1 Casey Lukkes** coming to us from FINCEN. She brings a bright personality and many tools that will assist with the personnel needs of BEAR.



# SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

She has quickly adapted to being underway and has started to knock out her In port Security, GPOW, and Basic DCPQS qualification packages. YN1 hit the ground running immediately processing multiple flights, awards and amendments to orders. We welcome her to the BEAR Family with open arms.

The FS Division definitely stepped up to the plate this patrol. The meals provided by **FS1 Lamm**, **FS2 Meyer's**, **FS3 Beaty**, and **FS3 Tucker** were a huge success. FS3 Beaty's and FS3 Tucker's intuitive nature of knowing the crew's likes and dislikes played a huge role in the planning of meals to enhance morale. FS3 Tucker made the career decision to re-enlist for 6 more years and chose CWO2 Eakes to administer her re-enlistment oath. FS3 Meyers was promoted to FS2 and earned his permanent Cutterman's pin. Congratulations on a job well done! The Crew would like to give a heartfelt thank you to FS2 Meyers for the past three years of hard work and dedication to BEAR. Fair winds and following seas, shipmate! **FSC Eakes** was promoted to CWO2, and has continued to be an excellent mentor, leader and confidant. His vast amount of knowledge and compassion has brought the FS division together as a team, and his mentorship to take steps forward in all of their perspective careers was greatly appreciated. CWO2 Eakes will be departing later this summer, but the FS crew would like to give a heartfelt thank you and Fair winds and Following Seas. Finally, welcome aboard **SNFS Morin** we greatly appreciate your enthusiasm upon reporting and joining the FS division.



# DECK/NAVIGATION DIVISION

The Deck and Navigation Divisions, led by **BM1 Daigle**, **BM2 Shore**, and **BM2 Stocker**, navigated through another busy inport highlighted by the arrival of new faces. **SN Behr**, **SN Kane**, **SN Kordes**, and **SN Warren** arrived from Cape May and with hard work and determination, all members worked as a team to quickly tackle their helm and lookout, inport security, basic and advanced DCPQS. Their next steps in the following months will be to get their name on the "A" school lists and continue their Coast Guard careers! This patrol, **BM2 Shore** hit a major milestone in his career, qualifying as Underway OOD, demonstrating his mastery of navigation and seamanship. **SN Conty**, **SN Dore**, **SN Dervin**, **SN Slater**, and **SN Weers** all qualified Boatswain's Mate of the Watch and **SN Walters** and **SN Barefield** qualified Quartermaster of the Watch, embodying BEAR's motto "greatest strength through versatility." This patrol we said goodbye to **BM2 Stocker**, **SN Walters**, and **SN Pfister**. We wish them good luck at their respective schools and future assignments as they continue their careers. Their expertise and positive attitude will be missed aboard BEAR. Also departing is **BM3 Langlois** who will be pursuing his law degree and attending Savannah School of Law.

Within the Deck division was the specialized group of boatswain mates responsible for safely navigating BEAR through 12 restricted waters transits and sailing over 11,000 nautical miles this patrol. **BM2 Stocker**, **BM3 Langlois** and **BM3 Santos** diligently prepared charts and track lines ensuring BEAR was always positioned for mission execution. This dynamic mission required the Nav Team to always be adaptable and quickly make changes to keep BEAR in the hunt. When not standing watch on the bridge, the boatswain mates demonstrated their versatility through other operations onboard to include the boarding of F/V Rasputin. **BM3 Santos** was onboard the vessel for over 18 hours and directly aided in the prosecution of 5 suspected narcotics smugglers. **BM1 Daigle**, **BM2 Shore**, **BM2 Stocker** and **BM3 Langlois** all provided support as OOD's and coxswains allowing the strenuous boarding to continue over the course of an entire day. Great work shipmates! The success of the Deck/navigation division can be attributed to these individuals' expert knowledge and willingness to help others. With the patrol dwindling down, we reflect on our accomplishments and are proud of the sea stories we created with our shipmates! Thanks for another great patrol!



# DECK/NAVIGATION DIVISION



# AVDET

Well BEAR, it's been quite an adventure. Though we didn't end up with the 7 busts we had hoped for, we all still provided a great defense and deterrence against the DTO's. Definitely a win.

You guys are some of the best trained and hardest working crew any of us have had the pleasure with which to work. We will cherish the memories: A fine Caribbean cruise with R&R in GTMO, GTMO, Bonaire.... From maintenance, flights, drills and sweat to swim call, beaches, drinks and cigars – we accomplished a ton and with many moments of fun; thank you for making this a great and memorable deployment.

As we depart and you head home, we know all of you will go on to do great things. Each of you has something to offer, something from which we learned; hopefully you were able to learn a little something from us as well. May you always find ways to have fun, be challenged, and make a positive difference.

Fair winds and following seas.

HIT 15-18

LCDR Lewis H. Motion

LT Bruce D. Wilson

AET1 Angel L. Serrano

AMT2 Jason P. Guthrie

AMT3 Brandon K. Andrae

AMT3 Nicholas H. Florence



# BEAR COMMUNITY SERVICE

During our final port call on the small island of Bonaire, BEAR crewmembers had the unique opportunity to participate in a community service event. Crewmembers were brought to two different children centers on the island and helped paint classrooms and common rooms for the local children as well as plant trees that will provide shade from the hot Bonaire sun in the coming years. After a few hours of hard and rewarding work, the BEAR crew played football (soccer for us American folk) with the local children who were all extremely happy to see new faces. We thank the Bonaire community for their kindness and hospitality.



# FROM YOUR JUNIOR OFFICERS

To The Crew of BEAR,

Thank you for your tireless support of the Junior Officers on board. You are the subject matter experts and make our jobs easier. You teach us your areas of expertise and show us how to be a jack of all trades. Without you we would not be able to qualify on the bridge or in the engine room. You allow us to lead you and make BEAR a better unit and for that we are eternally grateful.

During Patrol we all worked to make sea stories. Whether through casualty control in the engine room, flight operations, boardings, or just daily evolutions, we are all now more experienced than we were when we left home port in late April. No matter what came up we knew we could count on you to get the job done and accomplish the mission. There is no better crew out there and it was an honor to sail with each and every one of you. Bravo Zulu on another great patrol and thank you for all that you have taught us.

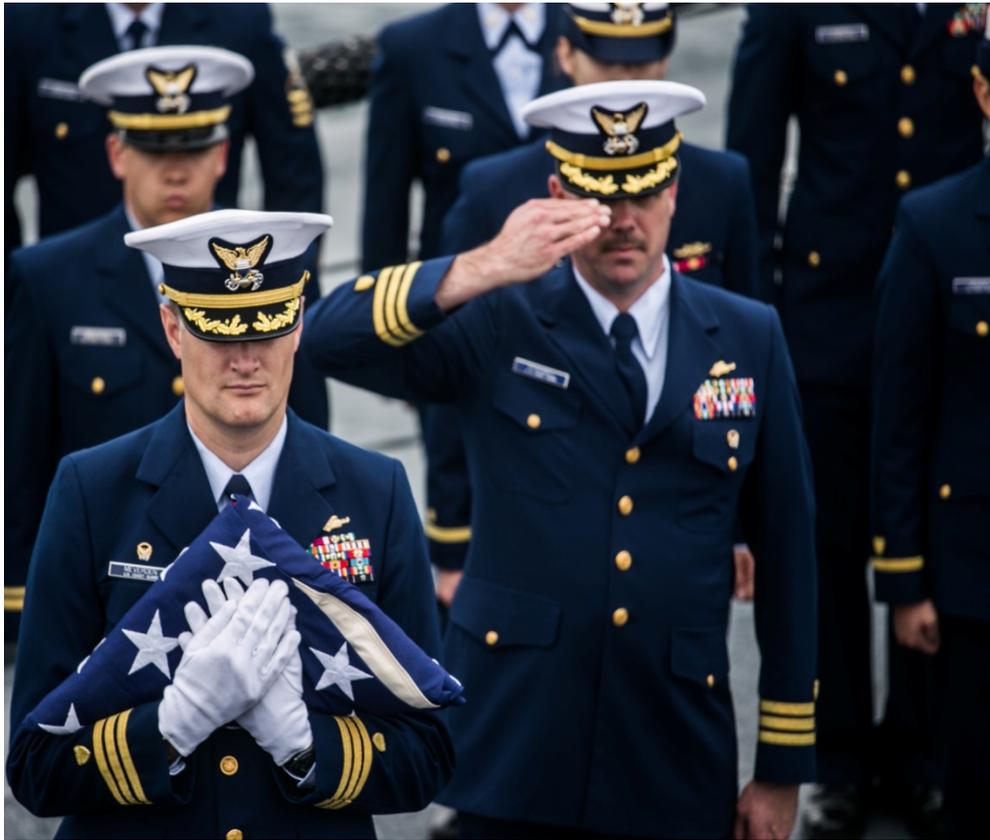
GO BEAR!

JOs



# BURIAL AT SEA

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, BEAR had the honor of performing two burial at sea ceremonies for fellow servicemen. At 1400, USCGC BEAR hove to in latitude 30°16.0 North, longitude 081°17.2 West, 10 nautical miles southeast of Mayport, FL. The wind was very light. The sea was calm. EMC Ricky Davidson and SK2 James Skaggs were committed to the deep by BM2 Shore as an honor platoon of BEAR sailors were led in prayer by FSC Eakes. The playing of Taps was followed by a period of dignified silence as the crew paid their respects. National Ensigns used during the ceremony were mailed to the families as befits military veterans with honorable service. It was a true honor for BEAR to provide this final service for our fellow servicemen.



# ON THE HOME FRONT

To BM2 Stocker!

Kyleigh Stocker has been with Grandma and Pop pop for all the patrols for the last three years on the BEAR we are so proud of our girls, and will miss Kyleigh being part of our everyday lives, but it will be wonderful for her to be back living with Mom



Kyleigh at Pirate Day in her Kindergarten Class!



*To MK1 Carter*

We are so excited to have you home with us! While you were away we had final competitions, strings concerts, last days of school, beach days, summer camps, banquets, and family visits.

We are excited for the rest of our summer with you and we are proud of you !! Love,  
Luke & Libby

# ON THE HOME FRONT



*To CWO Dalton!*

We love you and are so proud of you! We can't wait to have you home. Love Jen, Tyler and Dakota

*MK1 Scott's Daughter is excited to see her Dad soon!!*



The Hoff and Carter Kids had a great time hanging out with Mrs. Barefield during this patrol!