



Shore Ties

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Home for the Holidays

As the Harriet Lane steamed North towards home, the rumor soon became a reality- home in time for "Chick-fil-a."

Families and Friends eagerly braved the cold Saturday of December 13th, as the crew was away from homeport for over 59 days. While underway Harriet Lane steamed over 9,400 nautical miles in the Caribbean, enforcing laws and treaties in support of Operation Southeast Watch. Harriet Lane conducted an intense interagency pulse operation which consisted of working closely with several law enforcement agencies including the Haitian Coast Guard and U.S. and Haitian Drug Enforcement Agencies, giving boarding team members and Officers joint operations and boarding experience.

The crew did manage to catch a few breaks including port calls in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.



Above: Boarding Team Members and Officers load into the Cutters Over the Horizon vessel while BM2 McGregor keeps the OTH steadily along side the Cutter.

Helicopter Operations

Harriet Lane completed an Aviation Helicopter Standardization Visit, requiring utmost attention to detail and proficiency from every shipmate. Throughout the patrol, Harriet Lane performed an impressive 147 Helicopter evolutions, a true testament to the hard work of our Shipmates. (Cont'd on page 9)



Comments from the CO

Greetings HARRIET LANE family and friends,

It has been far too long since the last edition of Shore Ties. We recently wrapped up an exciting, productive patrol in the Caribbean. Our mission focused on stemming illegal migration and counterdrug trafficking. The crew distinguished themselves in every mission assigned and continued to amaze me with their unrelenting energy, professionalism and enthusiasm. In addition, there were many notable individual accomplishments by our Shipmates during this patrol such as advancements, promotions, professional qualifications and career milestones.

We were very excited to return home to our families for the holiday's and catch up on the last couple of months. Every Shipmate has people they care about ashore. Know that your support to us is valued and every bit as important to our readiness as any other logistical need. I wish each and every one of you best wishes for the New Year.

Warmest Regards,



M.W. Cribbs, CDR
Commanding Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE



Get to know the XO

LCDR Andrew Wright joined the Harriet Lane back in July; eager to get back out on the high seas. LCDR Wright is a 2000 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy where he played for the school's football, hockey, and lacrosse teams and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Research.

LCDR Wright grew up in Needham, MA, and now resides in Williamsburg, VA with his wife, Stacie, and daughters, Emilie and Abbie. LCDR Wright departed part-way through patrol to be home for the birth of their daughter, Abbie, and the Harriet Lane



**A.W. Wright, LCDR
Executive Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE**



was notified that both that Stacie and Abbie were doing well.

LCDR Wright is a permanent cutterman, and his afloat tours include First Lieutenant of CGC THETIS in Key West, FL, Operations Officer of CGC SPAR in Kodiak, AK, the CG Liaison Officer of the Afloat Training Group Pacific Northwest in Everett, WA, and Executive Officer of CGC JUNIPER in Newport, RI.

In 2010, LCDR Wright graduated from the College of William & Mary's Mason School of Business, where he earned both the Masters in Business Administration (MBA) and Masters in Accounting (MAcc) degrees. LCDR Wright is both a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) and Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). LCDR Wright's most recent assignment was a four year staff tour in Norfolk, VA as the Financial Operations Section Chief for the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information Technology (C4IT) Service Center.



XO serving up Pizza by the slice to crewmembers during the Wardroom Pizza night!

Awards and Advancements

Permanent Cutterman

ME1 Pennington
EM1 Nemchik
MK2 Ritchison
GM2 Omenitsch

Temporary Cutterman

DC1 Musser



Top: MK2 Ritchison receiving his Permanent Cutterman's pin by the Commanding Officer

Bottom: MKC Chappell pouring the salty waters of Cape Hatteras from which the Cutterman's devices were first dipped in

The Cutterman's pin identifies these sailors as the "salts" of the ship and the people with the answers. The Harriet Lane Cutterman's Board ensures our Cuttermen have that knowledge and set the standards for professional development aboard the ship. During the board, the prospective Cuttermen are asked a series of questions varying from CG History to HARLAN specific knowledge. The board consisted of the 8 Cuttermen on HARLAN and was chaired by HARLAN's Ancient Mariner, CWO McCleod. After questioning their shipmates for over two hours the board was satisfied that ME1 Pennington, EM1 Nemchik, MK2 Ritchison, and GM2 Omenitsch were worthy to wear the pin and are entitled to all privileges that come with it.



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Pictured from right to left: MK2 Ritchison, EM1 Nemchik, ME1 Pennington, and GM2 Omenitsch

Advancements, Promotions, and Qualifications

Underway OOD

ENS Rendon
 ENS Kenney
 ENS Peters

CIC Watchstander

ET2 Fletcher
 OS3 Jacober

CIC Supervisor

OSI Fojtik
 ETC Shafer

Inport OOD

ENS Rendon
 ENS Kenney
 ENS Peters
 ETC Shafer
 OSC Hughes
 CWO Ross

QMOW

BM3 Madden
 BM3 Zarate
 OS3 Jacober



Coxswain

BM2 McGregor

Aux Watchstander

EM3 Muniz
 FNMK Stupi
 FA Durden
 FA Hull
 FA Cannon

Underway EOW

MK1 Costa
 EMI Nemchik

Helm and Lookout

SN Calloway
 FN White
 SA K. Stewart
 SA Larson
 FN Mathieu
 SN Riegel
 SA M. Stewart

Inport EOW

MK1 Costa

Throttleman

DC2 Sendewicz
 DC3 Royall



BM2 McGregor earned his Coxswain qualification aboard the Cutterboat-Over the Horizon (OTH); 24ft vessel capable of speeds 40+ KTS

Advancement

BM3 Zarate

Promotions

LTJG Williamsz
 LTJG Danseglio
 LTJG Nelson
 LTJG Marshall



Sailor of the Quarter

From: Commandant
To: SN Jordan Clear , USCG

20 SEPT 2014

Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

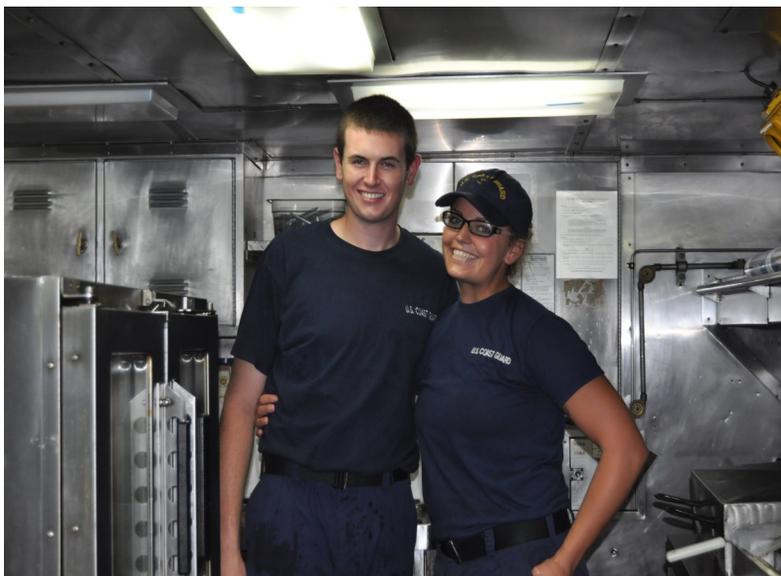
1. I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your selection as USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903) Sailor of the Quarter for the Third quarter of 2014. You are being commended for your hard work, dedication and attention to detail as USCGC Harriet Lane's Food Specialist (FS) Striker. With only three Food Service Specialists remaining onboard, you had your work cut out for you; accomplishing the daily routine of maintaining the galley, preparing, and serving four meals a day seemed impossible. With great planning and preparation, you were able to accomplish this mission. You made up for this loss of personnel in the galley and rose to the occasion, you put in at least 14 hours a day ensuring a crew of 97 was provided the scheduled meals throughout the patrol. Pride and dedication was put into each meal ensuring it was of the highest quality which was exception considering you are seamen striking FS without any formal training. In addition to the required meals, you went above and beyond by providing extra items such as specialty breads, desserts, and even making cakes for crew member's birthdays including one for 224th birthday of the Coast Guard. Your enthusiasm and pride of ownership during this arduous time were exceptional and took on each day with a positive attitude that displayed in the quality of your food that was prepared for the crew. Your diligence and perseverance helped keep the morale onboard at a high level. Your dedication to duty, professionalism and unselfishness truly had the Desired Effect

2. You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

3. You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar. The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

M. W. Cribbs
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Commanding Officer, CGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903)



Left: Mess cook FN Cannon; Right: FS3 Clear

Thanksgiving Feast!

While we couldn't be with family and friends for Thanksgiving, the crew had Brunch with Admiral Lee. The cooks dished up a hearty spread of Thanksgiving delights including Blueberry and Chocolate Chip pancakes, spinach and bacon quiche, sweet potato country ham biscuits, southern grits, cinnamon brown sugar oatmeal, homemade hash browns and muffins!



Left to Right: FS1 Benton, FS3 Clear, SN Coontz, FS3 Liebeskind, and FS3 Lindsey



The cooks smoked turkey for over 14 hours, each standing a 3 hour watch through the night.



Yes it was that good-EM2 Lorenz

Veterans Day Cookout!



Harriet Lane celebrated Veterans Day with a classic BBQ cookout put on by our Chiefs!

Special Thanksgiving Visit



Harriet Lane received a special Thanksgiving visit from VADM William Lee and MCPO Charles Bushey. They flew out to meet the Harriet Lane on a HH-65 Dolphin. The purpose of the visit was to have a Thanksgiving brunch with the crew, recognize shipmates for their achievements, and have a question and answer session on some of the pressing issues facing the Coast Guard.



Above: OS3 Jacober recognized by VADM Lee for his significant achievements and qualifications earned while aboard the Harriet Lane.



Left: VADM Lee recognizes YNI Agee for serving as a role model and for his hard work and dedication to serving the Harriet Lane crew members.



VADM Lee giving one last hoorah before departing

Helicopter Operations



Morale: Mustache Madness

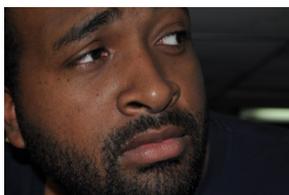
HARLAN crewmembers spent weeks... even the entire two months, growing out some pretty gnarly mustaches. All the fun was in support of No Shave November, a campaign to raise awareness for colon cancer. Luckily, most of the participants shaved before returning home to family and friends, just in time for the holidays.



OS3 Jaconer takes the November Crown!



"A mustache is like a warm blanket on a winters night"- ET3 Clements



Morale: Skeet Shoot

Harriet Lane Morale Officer, LTJG Marshall and our Gunnersmates helped put on another rival Skeet Shoot competition. While it took many a few shots to adjust to the pitching, rolling, and stiff winds, **ET3 Clements** prevailed. He was quoted saying his win was because of his positive attitude-

“Shoot for the moon, and if you miss you land amongst the stars”



Top- 3rd LTJG Marshall, 2nd SK3 Gomez, and 1st place was ET3 Clements



Left: SN DiGennaro receiving pro tips from GM1 Milyard



Right: BM3 Zarate claims he can drive a boat, but we ask “can you shoot a gun?”



Top: GM1 Milyard giving firing instructions

Center: LTJG Nelson hits 2 clays

Right: CO proves to be a great shoot

Bottom: Crew eagerly awaiting to shoot some rounds off

Bottom Right: LTJG Marshall



Shore Ties



BM2 McGregor, BM3 Moore and BM3 Zarate conducting flag hoist drills with another Cutter; this allows mariners to communicate if radio communications are lost or if vessels need to communicate securely

USCGC HARRIET LANE is a multi-mission Coast Guard cutter, responsible for a variety of Coast Guard missions, including: Search and Rescue, Enforcement of Laws and Treaties, Maritime Defense, and Protection of the Marine Environment. The versatility of the Famous class cutter makes it a very cost effective platform in carrying out national objectives.

HARRIET LANE's modern command, control, and communications capabilities, including satellite communications, make the cutter an important asset for long range offshore missions. HARRIET LANE can effectively coordinate the efforts of multiple ships and aircraft while conducting missions over large areas of ocean.

“The Desired Effect”



If you have something you would like featured in the shore ties or would like to be apart of it please let me know. Special thanks and photo credits to ET3 Clements and BMC Wink !

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