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MOHAWK CHANGES COMMAND!

MOHAWK CELEBRATED A CHANGE OF COMMAND ON MAY 1, 2009. THE CEREMONY WAS HELD ON PIER DELTA TWO SOUTH WITH MOHAWK AS THE BACKDROP. THE SHIP'S CREW, FAMILY AND FRIENDS WERE PRESENT. CDR JOSE A. NIEVES WAS RELIEVED BY CDR ROBERT T. HENDRICKSON, FORMER EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CGC DALLAS. VICE ADMIRAL PAPP, COMMANDER, LANTAREA, OFFICIATED THE CEREMONY WHERE HE DISCUSSED THE

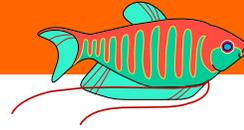
MEANING OF "SHIPMATE" AND PASSED ON HIS GRATITUDE TO THE CREW FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO BRING MOHAWK THROUGH A SUCCESSFUL DRY DOCK AND ALSO A BUSY IN PORT. FSC HOFFPAUIR AND THE FOOD SERVICES STAFF SET UP A WONDERFUL SPREAD. THANKS ALSO GOES OUT TO ENS FLORES, THE CHANGE OF COMMAND COORDINATOR, WHO DID A WONDERFUL JOB PLANNING THE EVENT.

Qualifications & Hail and Farewell

CONGRATS ON THE FOLLOWING **QUALIFICATIONS!!** ENS GODDEN & BMC BULLOCK – UNDERWAY OOD; SN ESPINOZA – BMOW; SN MORGAN, SN WILLIAMS, SN HARTMAN, SN LASTER – HELO TIE DOWN CREW; SN WILLIAMS, SN HARTMAN, SN MICK, SN LATIMER, SN STRICKLAND – HELM/LOOKOUT; ENS FLORES – LSO NVG OPS

HAIL AND FAREWELL: LTJG STAUDT - MSRT CHESAPEAKE, CWO LINDO & MKCS DUPREE – ELC, OSC WHITTLE – HITRON, ETC JORGENSEN – ATG MAYPORT, BM1 GARMANY – KING'S BAY, DC1 YOUNGFLESH – CGC WALNUT, ET1 STOTKO – TRACEN PETALUMA, FS1 SWEDO – D13 CC, BM2 LASHELLE – AIRSTA CLEARWATER, GM2 BEAR – MSU GALVESTON, IT2 WEYMOUTH – ESD CAPE COD, MK2 GRAY – STA OCEAN CITY, MK2 SCHUMAN – CGC SEA LION, MK2 BIRBAL – MAT TEAM MIAMI, OS2 BRADLEY – TRACEN PETALUMA, FN BARRIOS – MK A SCHOOL, SN BRAND – OS A SCHOOL





B-I-N-G-O

THE ALL TIME FAVORITE MORALE EVENT FOR THE CREW OF MOHAWK IS THE WEEKLY BINGO NIGHT. OUR FIRST THREE WEDNESDAY'S OF THE PATROL WERE A TOTAL SUCCESS WITH THE BIG WINNERS WALKING AWAY WITH A NINTENDO WII, A PSP, AND AN UNDERWATER CAMERA. SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO ENS

TURNER AND ET 1 PARLETT FOR ORGANIZING BINGO WHILE THE CREW IS ON PATROL. SINCE GM2 BEAR'S DEPARTURE, GM2 MOBIGLIA HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB CALLING THE BINGO GAMES. HIS ENTHUSIASM IS EVIDENT IN HIS PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE (AS SEEN IN THE PICTURE TO THE LEFT).



GM2 MOBIGLIA –
BEST DRESSED
FOR BINGO

Now Swim Call!



Welcome aboard to our new crewmembers!

WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME THE NEWEST MOHICANS!

SN REBECCA LATIMER

SN JOHN MICK

MK2 VINCENT BERARD

DC 1 RICHARD MOORE



HELLO TO ALL OF THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS BACK HOME! FIRST OFF I WOULD LIKE TO SAY WELCOME TO THE NEW FAMILIES WE HAVE WITH US NOW AND FAREWELL TO THOSE THAT ARE OFF TO NEW PLACES. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. I AM MKC ANTHONY EDWARDS, COMMAND CHIEF ON BOARD MOHAWK. AS COMMAND CHIEF I AM THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE CREW AND THE COMMAND ENSURING THE THAT THERE IS A VOICE FOR THE CREW IN THE DAY TO DAY PLANNING AND OPERATION BOTH AT HOMEPORT AND UNDERWAY. SO FAR THIS PATROL WE HAVE BEEN BUSY TRYING TO QUALIFY ALL THE NEWLY REPORTED PERSONNEL AND SAYING GOODBYE TO THOSE SHIPMATES MOVING ONTO THEIR NEW UNITS. SPIRITS SEEM TO BE PRETTY HIGH RIGHT NOW CONSIDERING WE HAVE BEEN GONE 3 WEEKS ALREADY AND HAVE NOT REALLY HAD A CHANCE TO STOP FOR A BREAK. WE ARE PRETTY CLOSE TO STOPPING FOR A BIT SO YOU SHOULD BE HEARING FROM YOUR LOVED ONES ANY DAY NOW, JUST HANG IN THERE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER. I HAVE BEEN IN FOR 18 YEARS AND I KNOW

HOW IMPORTANT THAT CALL HOME FROM SOME FAR OFF PLACE CAN BE, LIKE I SAID NOT TOO MUCH LONGER. THE CREW IS ADJUSTING TO A NEW CAPTAIN AND THE NEW CHANGES IN OUR DAILY WORK SCHEDULE. THE CHANGES HAVE ALLOWED YOUR LOVED ONES TO GET SOME MUCH NEEDED REST AFTER OUR QUICK IN-PORT AFTER THE DRY DOCK IN JACKSONVILLE. THERE IS STILL A LOT OF HARD WORK BEING DONE TO KEEP MOHAWK UNDERWAY ALLOWING US TO DO OUR JOBS AND COMPLETE OUR MISSIONS, ALL THE WHILE OUR MINDS AND HEARTS REMAIN AT HOME. WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE OF SWIM CALLS THAT HAVE ALLOWED EVERYBODY A CHANCE TO TAKE A COOL PLUNGE, WELL THE WATER IS ACTUALLY PRETTY WARM, AND JUMP OFF THE SIDE OF THE SHIP. WE CELEBRATED MEMORIAL DAY WITH A "STEEL BEACH" BBQ PROVIDED BY THE COOKS AND WERE ABLE TO SHED THE WORKING BLUE UNIFORM FOR SOME REGULAR STREET CLOTHES. THE SHIP IS RUNNING GOOD AND STAYING NICE AND COOL WITH THE ADDITION OF THE NEW AIR CONDITIONING UNITS WE HAD INSTALLED IN THE YARDS. THE WEATHER HAS BEEN GREAT AND THE SEAS ARE NICE AND

CALM, SO FAR NOT A BAD PATROL. OUR NEWSLETTER WILL BECOME A REGULAR THING AND I WILL WRITE A LITTLE BLURB IN EVERY ISSUE LETTING YOU KNOW HOW THE CREW IS DOING. I WISH I COULD TELL YOU WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE ARE GOING BUT YOU KNOW THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE, BUT YOU WILL HEAR ALL ABOUT IT WHEN WE RETURN. IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK. MY EMAIL IS ANTHONY.J.EDWARDS@USCG.MIL. I WILL HELP ANYWAY I CAN. SO REST ASSURED YOUR LOVED ONES ARE SAFE AND I THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THEM TO PROTECT AND SERVE THE UNITED STATES. IT IS A GREAT SACRIFICE FOR A FAMILY TO MAKE. BEFORE YOU KNOW IT WE WILL BE MAKING THAT TURN TO THE PIER IN KEY WEST ENDING ANOTHER PATROL AND I HATE TO SAY IT, GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT ONE.



GREETINGS! WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF THE MOHAWK MONTHLY. EVERY MONTH WE WILL BE PUBLISHING A NEWSLETTER TO KEEP YOU – OUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FOLKS INTERESTED IN CUTTER MOHAWK – INFORMED OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CUTTER LIFE. DUE TO THE PUBLIC NATURE OF THIS NEWSLETTER, WE OBVIOUSLY CAN'T WRITE BANNER ARTICLES ON THE LATEST DRUG OR MIGRANT CASE WE'RE WORKING, BUT WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME GOOD SEA STORIES, IMPORTANT INFORMATION, AND PHOTOS OF YOUR MOHICANS BUSY AT WORK – AND PLAY. I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT.

AS A MATTER OF INTRODUCTION, I RELIEVED MY GOOD FRIEND, CAPTAIN JOSE NIEVES, AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF MOHAWK ON MAY FIRST. CAPTAIN NIEVES AND I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS AND I COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE PLEASED TO BE ASSIGNED TO MOHAWK. THE CREW HAS WORKED INCREDIBLY HARD OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS TO GET THE SHIP IN TIP-TOP SHAPE TO DO OUR MISSION. THE PRIDE AND PROFESSIONALISM OF YOUR MOHICANS IS EVIDENT ON A DAILY BASIS, NOT JUST TO ME, BUT TO THE UNITS WE WORK WITH. I HAVE RECEIVED A COUPLE OF PERSONAL NOTES ALREADY CONVEYING HIGH REGARD FOR MOHAWK'S PROFESSIONALISM. THAT'S A TESTAMENT TO THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION THE CREW HAS PUT INTO THE SHIP AND CONTINUES TO PUT INTO THE SHIP DAILY.

AS CHIEF EDWARDS MENTIONED, THE CREW IS ABLE TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO MOHAWK AND THEIR IMPORTANT MISSIONS BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT AT HOME. I BELIEVE THAT THE CREW'S FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES ARE AN EXTENSION OF MOHAWK'S CREW. I WANT EACH OF YOU TO KNOW THAT MY PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS ARE: SAFETY & SECURITY OF THE CREW (OF WHICH YOU ARE A PART), SAFETY & SECURITY OF THE SHIP, AND THE SAFE & PROFESSIONAL EXECUTION OF OUR MISSIONS. I AM DEDICATED TO THE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY.

A KEY ELEMENT OF LOOKING OUT FOR THE FAMILIES IS MOHAWK'S OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM. I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW OMBUDSMAN TEAM: Ms. DAWN HOFFPAUIR, Ms. MEGAN VEGA, AND Ms. JESSICA HORINE. BETWEEN THEM, DAWN, MEGAN, AND JESSICA HAVE MANY, MANY YEARS OF COAST GUARD EXPERIENCE. EACH ONE OF THEM BRINGS UNIQUE RESOURCES TO THE TABLE. THEY ARE VERY ENGAGED AND THEY ARE HERE TO HELP PROVIDE FAMILIES WITH INFORMATION, DIRECTION, AND A MEANS OF COMMUNICATING YOUR IDEAS AND CONCERNS DIRECTLY TO THE COMMAND. THEY ARE AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE TO YOU AND TO ME. THANK YOU, DAWN, MEGAN, AND JESSICA FOR VOLUNTEERING!

IN CLOSING, I WANT TO SAY WHAT AN HONOR IT IS TO SERVE AS MOHAWK'S COMMANDING OFFICER. I HAVE BEEN IN THE COAST GUARD FOR 28 YEARS AND THIS IS MY SEVENTH SHIP AND MY SECOND TOUR IN KEY WEST. THE CREW HAS IMPRESSED ME FROM DAY ONE AND THEY CONTINUE TO DO SO ON A DAILY BASIS. YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF YOUR MOHICANS, I KNOW I AM! I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING EACH OF YOU UPON OUR RETURN. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!





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HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

ETC STINSON – MAY 2

FNMK HARGROVE – MAY 3

IT2 DEACON – MAY 22

SNESPINOZA – MAY 25

CWODAVIS – MAY 29

FS3 ROMERO – MAY 30

MOHAWK'S NEW OMBUDSMAN TEAM!

OUR NEW TRIO OF OMBUDSMANS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED, WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR TIME AND VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE TO MOHAWK'S CREW AND FAMILIES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THEM AT:
MOHAWKOMBUDSMAN@YAHOO.COM!
THANKS TO: Ms. DAWN HOFFPAUIR, Ms. MEGAN VEGA, & Ms. JESSICA HORINE!

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To our friend's and family -

HI DAWN, DACEY & RILEY. I LOVE AND MISS YOU ALL. I WILL BE HOME SOON. – RAD/DAD

MADDIBEAR AND BOOBOO, MISS YOU BUNCHES AND BUNCHES. PLEASE GIVE DADDY LOTS OF HUGS AND KISSES... I WILL BE HOME SOON! LOTS OF LOVE, MOMMI

HI MOM! I LOVE YOU – SAVANNAH

HEY COURT, I LOVE YOU! THANKS FOR DOING ALL THE MOVING STUFF BY YOURSELF. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AGAIN! LOVE, PAT



SEMPER SPONGEBOB

