

THETIS DIGEST

JIATF-South 2014

June-July



THETIS is a multi mission asset for the Coast Guard and one of her missions is Counter Drug Operations. THETIS just returned from a two month Patrol off of Central America where she was able to work in conjunction with multiple countries and agencies to slow the flow of contraband into the States.

While on Patrol THETIS not only searches the waters for illegal activity but is constantly training. This ensures that the crew stays proficient and is ready to launch at a moments notice. The training includes everything from launching the small boats and embarked helicopter to keep pursuit skill up, to Damage Control drills, where the crew practices what to do in case of shipboard casualties. Along with training the crew has to work constantly to keep the Cutter in top operating condition. This maintenance includes everything from stopping the spread of rust to keeping the engines running at top speed. Without this hard work THETIS would not be able to carry out her missions.

On longer patrols such as this last one it is necessary to get some down time and allow the crew to relax and enjoy themselves. The command of THETIS pushes for this after long cases or just long work weeks. One of the most relaxing times for the crew of THETIS is when we pull into port. This is time when the crew can leave the ship and explore new places. This time around we had the pleasure of stopping into Bocas Del Toro, Panama, and Cartagena, Colombia. Both ports were thoroughly enjoyed by the crew and for some a familiar sight.



Deck Department



Outbound Cartagena, Colombia



THETIS' RHI crew returning after a long boarding with the Colombian Navy. Long work hours were unavoidable but provided the crew with valuable experiences.

Whether it's launching a boat, launching a helo, or mooring up the ship, deck department is involved nearly all evolutions THETIS does. We are required to hold minimum qualifications of basic and advanced DCPQS, helm, and lookout underway. We also fill the role of Boatswains Mate Of the Watch (BMOW), ensuring the safety of the decks, sanitation, maintaining the DC closure log, as well as announcing pipes onboard.

Deck also received a new BMC this patrol, adding a new "ANCHOR" to the department. This really helped the department to continue to excel in all evolutions.

Many of the evolutions Deck takes part in are critical to the mission of THETIS and the Coast Guard. Two major examples are small boat operations and flight operations. These are the two most essential things we do in regards to the interdiction of illegal substances.

SN Kanagy and SN Delgado



SN Kanagy extending his enlistment with ENS Bobuk during a .50 CAL GUNEX

Deck Dept. Continued



This will be the last patrol for SN Bruch, SN Mora, and SN Kanagy as they will be departing for BM “A” school. Along with them SN Kester will be departing to the rigorous AST “A” school.

The Non-Rate of the Quarter award is given to the member who shows the most initiative and is performs tasks expected of senior petty officers. This last quarter the award was given to SN Kepner, as he performed duties, such as Aviation Petty Officer, that were critical to THETIS’ mission success.

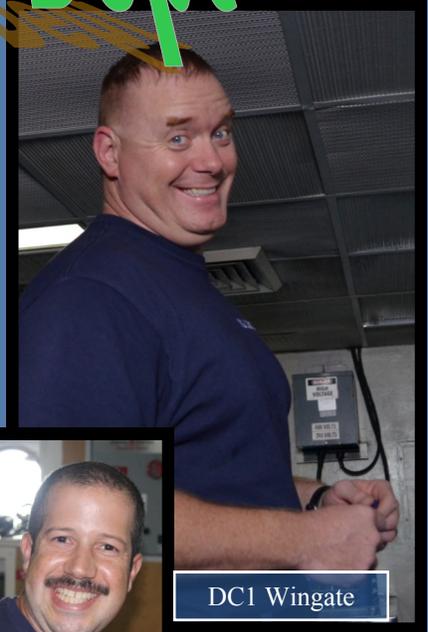
Deck department is always prepared to improvise, adapt, and overcome any challenge that is thrown our way. We look forward to new challenges in the future and remain mission ready.

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Foc’sle crew putting
over the first line in
Chiriqui Grande for
Brief Stop for Fuel
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Engineering Dept

MK2 Hernandez



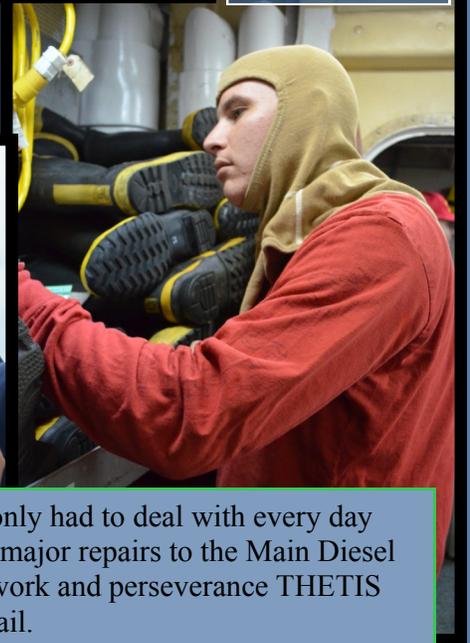
DC1 Wingate

The Engineering Dept had their work cut out for them. The watch standers patrolled the ship 24 hours a day to ensure the safety of the THETIS' crew. Regular maintenance and casualty repairs kept the force busy in extreme temperatures. The persistence and knowledge of the department allowed the Thetis' to continue their missions. The Engineering department also takes on the task of training other crew member's on handling possible emergencies such as fires and flooding.



EM2 Dejesus

DC2 Hickman



LTJG Hogan, DC3 Lane, DC2 Hickman, DC2 Bush



Engineering Department not only had to deal with every day maintenance, but some pretty major repairs to the Main Diesel Engines. Without their hard work and perseverance THETIS would not have been able to sail.



Eng. Dept. Continued

Awards: **MK1 Brian Brown**, CG Commendation Medal

MK1 Brown served just under two years in the Main Propulsion Division as the Leading Petty Officer, as well as the acting Division Chief. MK1 Brown's efforts were instrumental in the success of the division, and maintenance and repair of the main propulsion machinery. His extraordinary efforts prevented any undue strain on his division, Division Officer, or the Engineer Officer that would normally result from the absence of a division chief. His efforts were recognized by the Atlantic Area Commander. Well done, MK1 Brown.



Engineer Crew



CWO Pitre pinning the new Cuttermen.



The patrol started off a little rocky for the engineers as we experienced governor problems with our propulsion engines. They were not operating normally and were not providing THETIS with reliable propulsion. Although the issues were intermittent and unpredictable, the Engineering Department battled through several late night and early morning casualties for about 4 weeks, conducted countless hours of troubleshooting and testing, and eventually corrected the discrepancies. The efforts of the Engineering Department did not go unnoticed by our Operational Commander, especially when THETIS made a successful drug interdiction shortly after the engines were fixed. The dedication and technical competence of THETIS' Engineering Department is highly commendable.

Ops Department

The Operations department successfully stood watch to keep drugs from entering US territory. The OS's monitored traffic and ensured the Thetis remained alert to any changes in mission. The ET's and IT's continuously maintained equipment to keep communications 'round the clock.

Operations Department plays a key role in all THETIS does, whether it be entering port, or shooting one of the many gun on-board. Not only was Ops department in charge of the guns, they made sure we had time in the day to fly the embarked helo so we could expand our search area. Go Ops!



ET3 Johnston



IT3 Alfonso



LTJG Bogden

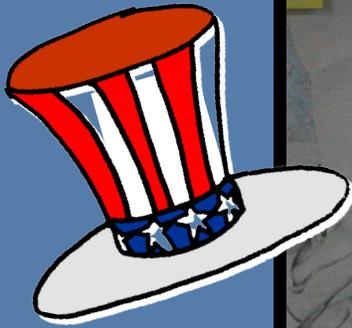


Support Department



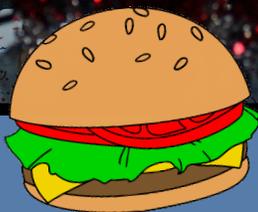
The Support department ensured the crew's administrative and food needs were always met. Hot meals and surprise snacks from the FS's around the clock helped to lift the morale of the THETIS. Support could always be counted on for providing a warm, hefty meal





4TH OF JULY

*The week of the 4th of July was an excellent half way point for the crew. The mess deck was decorated with streamers and flags. To allow the crew to show off their patriotism a drawing and poetry contest were held. **SNSK Courtney** won the drawing contest with her drawing of the statue of liberty with an American flag backdrop. **MK3 Burt** impressed the ship with his inspirational poem on serving in the military. The Thetis cookout served juicy burgers and hot dogs to keep in the 4th of July picnic spirit.*



JEOPARDY!

THE DINOSAURS	NOTABLE WOMEN	OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY	NAME THAT INSTRUMENT	BELGIUM
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
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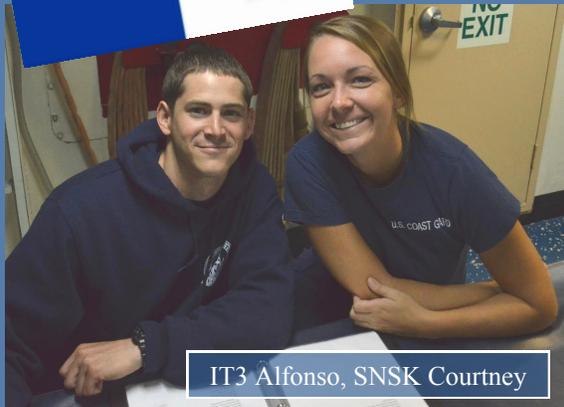
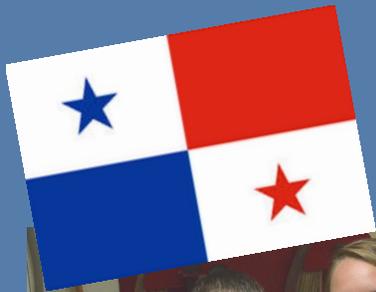
Trivia!!



When the world travelers of the Thetis have a little free time from their maritime missions they compete in games. Some of the games were intense rounds of Jeopardy, Trivia and Bingo. Other games played involved more detective work and required questioning shipmates to determine the Mystery person of the day.



BINGO					
15	6	19	36	54	67
14	4	24	37	53	75
10	10	21	FREE	60	73
3	14	20	34	47	63
7	22	42	55	68	



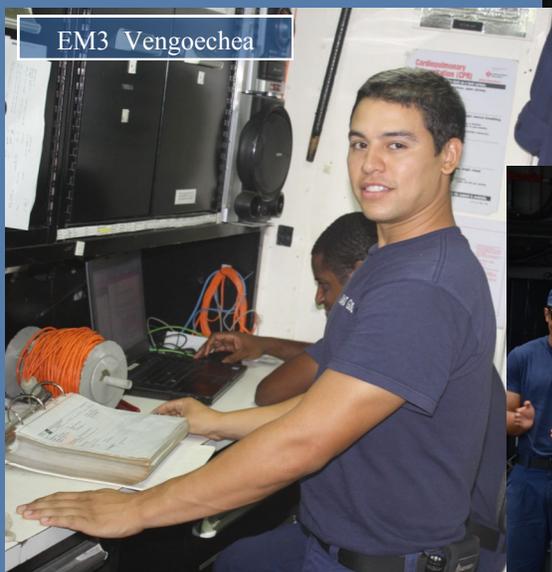
IT3 Alfonso, SNSK Courtney



ME1 Kinnear



OS3 Busick/IT3 Alfonso, & LT Hawn/LT Suchanek



EM3 Vengoechea



ENS Deschene

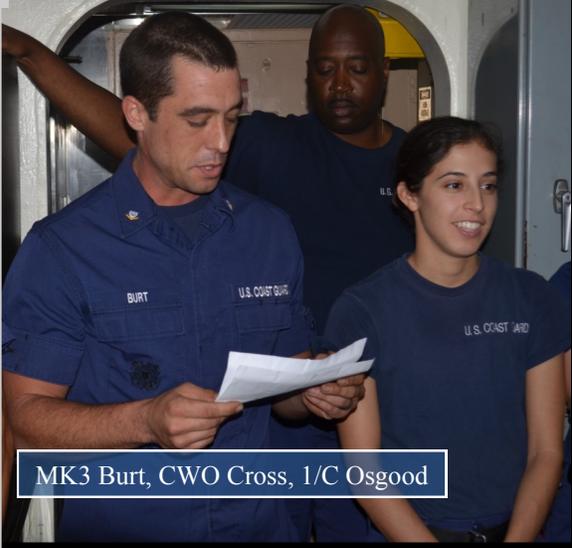


ME3 Crespo, GM3 Nieves



ET3 Alvarado





MK3 Burt, CWO Cross, 1/C Osgood



ET3 Harris



MK3 Look, EM2 DeJesus



ET1 Manning allowed crew members to partake in his fresh tuna catch during a successful Fish Call.

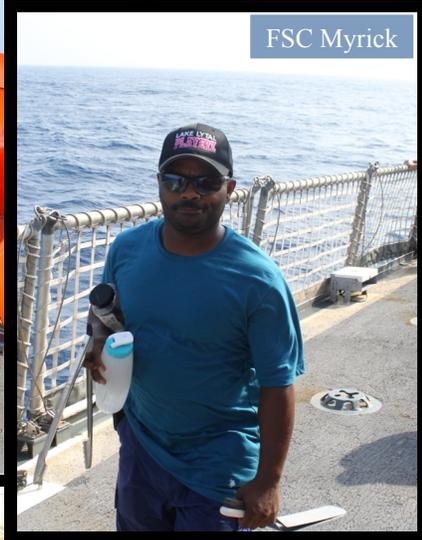


HITRON Helicopter

Morale Day !!



CDR Felger, OS3 Mazzi, OS3 Busick



FSC Myrick



FS1 Smith



ET1 Manning, MK3 Burt, MK3 Katz



FSC Myrick, YN1 Morales, SK1 O'Halloran

Qualifications

Officer of the Deck:

ENS Piantedosi

Quartermaster of the Watch:

ET1 Lawrence

Cadet Osgood

Cadet Chavarria-Aguilar

Cadet Lutton

GM2 Neuenschwander

BM3 Bianchi

Boatswains Mate of the Watch:

SN Bruch

SN Delgado

SN Kester

SN Mora

Helm & Lookout

ET3 Johnston

SN Fortner

SA Rodriguez-Acevedo

SA Youngs

Cadet Chavarria-Aguilar

Oiler:

MK2 Hernandez

DC2 Bush

EM3 Vengoechea

Cadet Lutton

Security:

ENS Deschene

EMC Haedo

MKC Deluca

MK2 Bravo

FA Zsuffa

Cadet Lutton

SA Haynes

CIC Watchstander:

ETC Deleo

IT1 Anderson

IT2 Mercado

ET3 Alvarado

Cadet Osgood

OTH Davit Operator:

EM3 Vengoechea

Fuel, Oil, Water King (FOWK):

MK3 Katz

Aviation FOWK:

FN Campos

FN Dawson

New Shipmates

*CDR Felger
LT Komar
LT Matejka
ENS Deschene
ENS Seleznick
ENS Sowers
MKC Russo
MKC Deluca
EMC Haedo
ETC Deleo
IT1 Anderson
GM1 Shelley*

*BM2 Arrington
IT2 Mercado
OS2 Crossland
MK2 Bravo
ET3 Alvarado
GM3 Lobosky
FS3 Aguirre
SN Fortner
SN Rodriguez-
Acevedo
FA Zsuffa
SN Youngs
FA Freeman*

