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## FROM THE CO'S CHAIR

Your crew has once again completed an extremely successful patrol - one that each of you can be proud of. They safely navigated SENECA across 14,000 nautical miles of ocean and transited the Panama Canal in order to stem the flow of illegal narcotics into the United States. There were so many amazing moments where I had the joy of watching this crew almost effortlessly take down narcotics-traffickers and collect evidence to ensure our partners at the Department of Justice have the information they need to prosecute and convict. The SENECA

team remains at the forefront of Coast Guard operations and continues to provide an immeasurable service to our Nation. As I complete my final days at sea with these fine men and women, it's hard to wrap my head around where the past two years went. I've worked with some great people and had some fun tours in the past, but I have to say, this one topped them all - the people here are simply awesome. My only regret is that my tour is coming to an end. These exceptional shipmates made my job the easiest one I've had to date. I will never forget the continual pride and inspiration I felt working alongside your SENECA

crew members. If at all possible, we hope you can meet us on the pier on Saturday morning when we return home from a long, but rewarding patrol. Thank you for holding fast on the home front while we were out fulfilling our duty - your sacrifice is recognized and appreciated. A Tradition of Honor., A Legacy of Action.

## Looking Back and Moving Forward: From Underway to the Inport

As we steam up the coast of the United States, the SENECA crew is proud to be coming home after a successful patrol. Our crew worked extremely hard and the results are evident by our interdiction of five vessels carrying 4.5 TONS of cocaine! Check out this clip of our story on Fox Channel 25:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtuBFlvCWYw>

The summer promises to be just as busy as we prepare for a major dockside availability. The cutter will receive some major upgrades and overhauls, new flooring will be installed in the main passageway, all of the ventilation duct work will be cleaned and we will clean and preserve the majority of our fuel, oil and water tanks to ensure they are maintained. As with every transfer season, people will be coming and going as we will transfer approximately 25% of our crew before our next patrol.



# Messages FROM Home

As a special gift to our crew, our families and friends back home have replied to our Mother's Day Messages with messages of their own! Happy Father's Day!

A special Father's Day wish to my son Bryan Hawley a first time dad!! Go daddaman! Happy 30th birthday to Bryan Hawley! -XO mom

Dear Daddy,  
Happy Father's Day, you can be in my band.  
Love, Lucy Mae

Dear Daddy,  
You are the best Daddy there is! We are so lucky to call you ours! We love you so so much. Happy Father's Day!  
Love, Matthew, Brayden, and Camryn

To: Brian Armstrong  
We love you, Dad! Happy Father's Day!  
Love, Brody and Maureen Armstrong

Happy Father's Day, Dave!  
Love Ian and Irene.

♥♥♥♥♥  
Happy Father's Day Josh (daddy), You are the best daddy and husband! We are so proud of you and know how hard you work while being away from us. We love and miss you so much! Hurry Home!!!  
Xoxooxox Love Brittney, Dylan, Hailey, Noah

You're my husband, my friend, and we have so much to be grateful for. I love our life, our family, and all that we have done together as a family!! Happy Father's Day Nick!! Love always, ♥♥ Melissa, Thomas, Nicholas, and our four legged fur babies

Happy Father's Day to our hero Chief Gessner! We are SO proud of you, batdad! Love, Denise, Kiana, and Audrey xoxo

Dear Daddy, We have had a fun week. We miss you.  
Happy Father's Day  
Love, Patrick, Johnny, Kiera

We miss and love you Daddy! Happy Father's Day.  
Hurry home.  
Love, Adalyn and Jax

Happy Father's Day to Jon Demery. You're the best! Your west coast family. We love you!!

Happy Father's Day Daddy! We love you and miss you bunches! You work so hard and we appreciate you! Hope you enjoy your day! Can't wait to see you!  
Love, Tara, Kyla, Peyton, and Cheyenne

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DC2 Perry Summers. I am so Proud of you. PROUD to be your Dad .Thank You for giving me this gift! Love Your DAD

Papi, I love you so much and I am so proud of you for everything you do for our family. You are an amazing father and your babies love you so much. Valorie asks about you all the time and she misses you. Always doing the circle hand when I mention you. Josiah looks more and more like you everyday. I couldn't have asked for a better father and husband. You mean more than you know to me baby. I love that we have a family of four now. I wouldn't want it with anyone but you. I mean come on, look how beautiful our babies are and I know it's because they look like you. You're my life and I can't wait to spend the rest of it with you. Ill be waiting on the pier for you. See you soon!

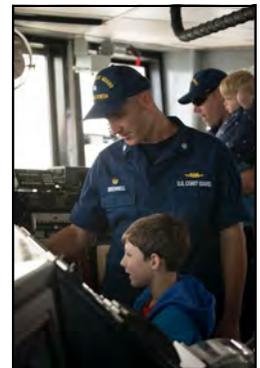
Husband, Happy Father's Day babe! Thank you for being the best father to Keira and Caiden. From doing her hair to rocking him to sleep, you really hold us all together. Love and miss you everyday. Love Always, Allison (Keira and Caiden too!)

Paul,  
Happy Father's Day! Bridget watches everything you do, learns from everything you do, and wants to do everything you do. You are, and will continue to be her hero. Can't wait to have you back in our arms! We love you!  
Love Always, Kate, Bridget, and Baby A

OS2 Bryan Hawley: Happy first Father's Day Bryan. We are all looking forward to you being home! We love you! Kristen, Owen and Bear :)

SKC Alongi, congratulations on your promotion! Buffett wishes you a Happy Father's Day! We love you! Can't wait for San Diego!  
Love always,  
SugarBear

Dad, we love you so much. You always know how to make us laugh. You give the best hugs. You are the best Dad in the whole world! Lily and Collin



# Things to Do in Boston

**Looking for something to do in Boston this summer? See our list below for some awesome activities going on near you!**

Celebrateboston.com shares different free events around Boston and the Massachusetts area.

<http://www.celebrateboston.com/events.htm>

The Blue Star ribbon program offers active duty members and their families to visit different museums during the summer throughout the United States.

<https://www.arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>

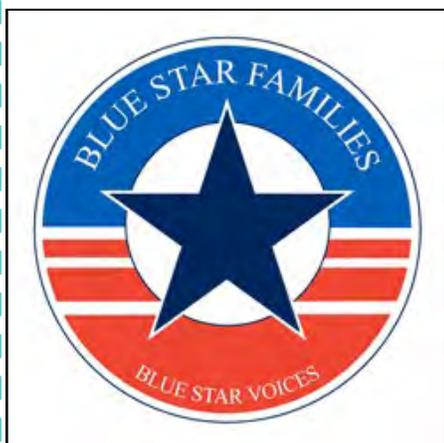
In Boston for the 4th of July? There will be free concerts with famous singers (Demi Lovato and Nick Jonas) and fireworks at the Charles River Esplanade. You can find out more on:

<http://www.bostonusa.com/includes/calendar-of-events/Demi-Lovato-and-Nick-Jonas-to-perform-on-the-Boston-Pops-Fireworks-Spectacular/35858/>

Have you heard of Assembly Row? The newly constructed area near Boston will be offering a host of different activities including various vendors, free food, concerts and much more!

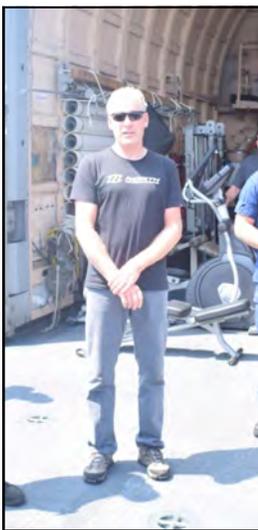
Visit the link below for more information!

<http://www.assemblyrow.com/play>



# Crossing the Equator

On June 1st, 2016, USCGC SENECA crossed the perilous seas to reach the Equator for a second time, only to be stopped by King Neptune himself upon arrival. Though King Neptune did not want the crew of Seneca to pass, our Captain bartered with him, sending him two cadets as tribute in order for the rest of the crew to have safe passage. King Neptune took his two new recruits and SENECA was allowed to cross. The rest of the day followed with steel beach (a chance to work on that farmer's tan!), fish call and holiday routine, which the crew greatly appreciated! The night ended with the Chiefs monitoring a brutal game of charades and making sure no one cheated at the Bingo tables. While a large portion of the crew had already crossed the equator, it was still an awesome experience and those who had never been can add it to their list of new experiences from this patrol. The festivities made the day one to remember and morale was definitely boosted throughout the crew after this busy patrol. Congratulations to all of our new shellbacks!

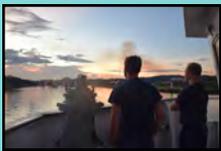


On our trip back to Boston, we were joined by family members from our ship's crew! Mr. Jim Medick, LCDR Medick's (XO's) father and Mr. Charles Lortz, LTJG Lortz's father, joined us on our three-day transit home. During their time onboard, they had the opportunity to watch us get underway from Mayport, Florida and observe the crew's daily routine. Thank you for sailing with us!



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## SPOTLIGHT: C3I DIVISION



Our last division spotlight for this patrol focuses on the Command, Control, Communications and Information Division! The division is made up of LTJG Kathryn Lamphere (Division Officer), Chief Jason Thorn (Division Chief), Petty Officer James McClearn, Petty Officer Anthony DeSalvo, Petty Officer Bryan Hawley, Petty Officer Kelly Handy and Petty Officer Brittany Wygand! All members of the division, with the exception of LTJG Lamphere, are Operational Specialists (OSs) responsible for shipboard communications, mission planning and execution, flight planning and much more! All OSs work in the Combat Information Center, where all information for each mission is obtained and briefed to the members of the crew directly involved in each evolution to include the Commanding Officer and Operations Officer. On our recent patrol, the OSs provided communication guards for the deployed helicopter and cutter small boat, tracked all surface and air assets while engaged in law enforcement operations and provided daily operations briefs to SENECA's Command. Thank you to the C3I division for all of your hard work and dedication over the last 68 days! Bravo Zulu!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

SENECA wishes a happy birthday to the following shipmates:

SK1 Alongi - 6/6  
SN Davidson - 6/13  
OS2 Hawley - 6/14  
SN Floyd - 6/16  
EMC Craig - 6/16  
OS3 Handy - 6/23

SENECA wishes a happy anniversary to the following shipmates and their loved ones:

ETC Gessner - 5/14  
ETC Price - 6.14  
BM2 Segura - 6/18  
FSC Miller - 6/19  
OSC Thorn - 6/26  
OS2 Hawley - 6/29

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## ADVANCEMENTS!



Congratulations to David DeMarzio for achieving the rank of Food Service Specialist Second Class. A much deserved promotion, FS2 DeMarzio and the rest of the FS staff have done an amazing job this patrol working shorthanded and with little provisions to serve great meals to the crew.



Congratulations to Robert Alongi and Michael Gessner for advancing to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. As a Chief Petty Officer, aka "Chief," you step out of the role as a technician and assume the responsibilities of a leader and mentor. It is the seventh enlisted rank (E-7) they have achieved within their career; only a small percentage within the Coast Guard can call themselves a Chief. They have traded in their chevrons for anchors which is emblematic of a Chief. We welcome them, and their families, into the Chief's Mess!



Congratulations to Gary Miller for advancing to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. Leaving the enlisted ranks to become an officer is a great accomplishment that few are able to fulfill. CWO Miller will now assume the duties of SENECA's Supply Officer! Good luck!



Each member was advanced as SENECA crossed the Equator! Congratulations to our newly advanced personnel!! Bravo Zulu!!



# CAUGHT ON CAMERA!



# CGC SENECA FAMILY MEET AND GREET

When: 11:00am – 1:00pm, July 20, 2016

Where: Castle Park on Hanscom Air Force Base, located next to the youth center across from the gym.

Who: SENECA Crew and Families

Please RSVP to SENECA's Ombudsman by July 11:

Mrs. Brittney Jenness,

[SenecaOmbudsman906@gmail.com](mailto:SenecaOmbudsman906@gmail.com)

-Please let her know what you will be bringing to the event (snacks, drinks, finger foods, juice boxes, napkins, plates)

We look forward to seeing you all there!

## CHANGE OF COMMAND

On August 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM, SENECA will be holding a Change of Command Ceremony as we say goodbye to our current Commanding Officer, CDR Jason Brennell, and welcome our new Commanding Officer, CDR Alan McCabe. Family and friends are welcome to attend. The ceremony will be held onboard SENECA at Coast Guard Base Boston. Please RSVP with ENS JoshuaGuthlein at [Joshua.J.Guthlein@uscg.mil](mailto:Joshua.J.Guthlein@uscg.mil)



## HAVE A FAMILY EMERGENCY?

Service members can rest assured that the Red Cross will deliver notification of an emergency such as the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, as well as the good news of the birth of a service member's child or grandchild. Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, the Red Cross relays urgent messages containing **accurate, factual, complete and verified descriptions of the emergency to service members stationed anywhere in the world, including on ships at sea** and at embassies and remote locations. If you or a loved one needs to utilize this service, call **(877) 272-7337** or visit **www.Redcross.org**.



## MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING SENECA SAILOR CONTRIBUTORS...

CDR Brennell, LTJG Lamphere, OS1 McClearn, BM2 Segura, OS2 DeSalvo, OS3 Wygand, SN Russell, ET3 Clay