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WHERE ARE WE OPS?

SENECA Families and Friends,

As we near the end of another patrol in the Eastern Pacific, I'm glad I have an opportunity to share some of our successes with all of you and sincerely thank you for everything you do to make them possible. When SENECA was tapped by Coast Guard and Department of Defense leaders to patrol the Pacific last summer we thought we were sailing on a "once in a lifetime" journey, but after stopping 3.5 tons of cocaine from reaching our Nation's shores on that deployment they've understandably kept us in the game. Now, as we set our sights on Boston, cooler

weather, and our sixth Panama Canal transit in 11 months, I'm proud to say the operational success has continued. We've already surpassed interdiction and drug totals from last summer, laid the groundwork for stronger cooperation with partner nations by embarking a Costa Rican shiprider for two weeks, and interdicted a state of the art smuggling vessel that no cutter had ever seen, much less stopped, in the Pacific. With this high operational tempo we've relied on an endless stream of morale events, swim calls and trivia nights to keep moving, but we've mostly relied on you. This is the most focused, dedicated and accomplished crew I've ever served with, but none of us could

do this without constant support from our friends and families back home. Thank you for your selfless commitment to our crew and our mission. I think I speak for everyone transferring this summer when I say it's been an honor to sail with this crew and share this experience with all of you. I *know* I speak for everyone transferring this summer when I say we're leaving this cutter in the hands of remarkable men and women who will undoubtedly carry SENECA's "Tradition of Honor" and "Legacy of Action" deep into the future.



Memorial Day Underway: A Day of Observation

Memorial Day is often referred to as a celebration, a day off from the daily grind from the workplace or school that usually results in a three day weekend. It is a day where parades may be held and grills are fired up for barbecues, a testament to the approaching summer months. But it is also a day of observation. Memorial Day is a day to reflect on the sacrifices made by others in service to our nation. It dates back all the way to the Civil War where it was known as Decoration Day, where people took the time to decorate the graves of those who had died in service to the Union or Confederacy. This tradition still carries on today. As SENECA continues to patrol the waters of the Eastern Pacific, we will also take the time to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in their dedication to the missions and principles of the Coast Guard and our sister services.

ASTC Fernando Jorge



AMT3 Andrew Knight



BMCS Terrell Horne



LTJG Thomas Cameron



DC3 Nathan Bruckenthal



LCDR Dan Taylor

GOODBYE SHIPMATES!



As another transfer season approaches, **SENECA** will be losing about 25% of her crew. While everyone departing is going to many different units across the United States, we wish everyone the best of luck, and hope they take fond memories of the cutter with them wherever they go.



SENECA Sentiments: Words from our Departing Shipmates

Below are interviews from some of our departing crewmembers!

CDR Jason Brennell

(Commanding Officer)

New Unit: CG Headquarters, Washington D.C.

Favorite Port Call: Golfito, Costa Rica & NYC

Favorite Memory: Too many to pick a favorite—Saturday pizza nights, the transit into Boston at the end of a patrol, the first transit through the Panama Canal.

Something you will miss: The SENECA team and their display of selfless service.

Sometime you will not miss: Sea Sickness

HS1 Mark Perry

(Corpsman)

New Unit: MSU Portland Oregon

Favorite Port Call: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Favorite Memory: My first Medical Evacuation

Something you will miss: Caring for crewmembers, migrants and detainees, medical and trauma emergencies, the humanitarian aspect of the job.

Sometime you will not miss: Drug Interdiction Mission

IT2 Edwin Li

(Electronics System Division)

New Unit: CGC Bertholf, Alameda, California

Favorite Port Call: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Favorite Memory: Well, I have the memory of a goldfish so....a memory...hmmm....

Something you will miss: The friendships I've formed.

Something you will not miss: Not having Wireless Internet

LTJG Kathryn Lamphere

(C3IO/OS Division Officer)

New Unit: Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Atlantic Virginia Beach, Virginia

Favorite Port Call: Roatan, Honduras/Huatulco, Mexico

Favorite Memory: Operation Carapace Compliance off of Key West, Florida...it was my first time being in the small boat and assisting in a law enforcement mission.

Something you will miss: The crew and friendships I've made. Underway sunrises, sunsets and stars.

Something you will not miss: Short inport periods, the constant coming and going and TSTA.

SN Austin Belcher

(Deck Department)

New Unit: Gunner's Mate A-School, Yorktown, Virginia

Favorite Port Call: Panama City, Panama

Favorite Memory: Working on the .50 caliber machine guns.

Something you will miss: Deck Department

Something you will not miss: Mess Cooking

ET3 Andrew Isleib

(Electronics Division)

New Unit: Electronics Support Detachment Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Favorite Port Call: St. Thomas

Favorite Memory: One on One's

Something you will miss: The feeling of pulling back into Boston after a patrol.

Something you will not miss: Fresh Water Wash-downs

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Part Two!!

BM2 Paul Segura

(Navigation Division)

New Unit: Aids to Navigation Team Baltimore, Maryland

Favorite Port Call: Roatan, Honduras/ Key West, FL

Favorite Memory: Boarding a boat that caught a 10-15 foot shark and for a few minutes, all anybody wanted to do was look at the shark...and then trying to convince the boarding team that it was safe to get back on the small boat.

Something you will miss: Traveling to new places.

Something you will not miss: Missing home cooked meals with my family.

ETC Joshua Price

(Electronics Division Chief)

New Unit: CGC Polar Star, Seattle, Washington

Favorite Port Call: Toledo, Ohio. In one day, I visited the Toledo Museum of Art to see a Jamie Farr photo collection, played drums for a cover band at an open mic night, and caught a Mud Hens game at Fifth Third Field.

Favorite Memory: I won \$100 on a scratch-off once.

Something you will miss: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (Yes, really.)

Something you will not miss: The seven-way uncontrolled intersection in Ipswich, Massachusetts.

LT Brendan McKinnon

(Operations Officer)

New Unit: Boston College Law School

Favorite Port Call: Jost Van Dyke, British Virgin Islands

Favorite Memory: Blowing up go-fast vessels and the East River Transit out of New York City.

Something you will miss: Shark hunting with the lookouts.

Something you will not miss: Writing Officer Evaluation Reports for the Junior Officers.

LTJG Lortz

(Damage Control Assistant)

New Unit: CG Yard, Baltimore, Maryland

Favorite Port Call: Key West, Florida

Favorite Memory: Working the 2015 summer dockside.

Something you will miss: Speaking Spanish in port calls to better learn the language.

Something you will not miss: Duty

OS3 Brittany Wygand

(Operational Specialist Division)

New Unit: Sector Hampton Roads, Portsmouth, Virginia

Favorite Port Call: San Juan, Puerto Rico

Favorite Memory: Putting a snowflake on the cutter during the summer 2015 patrol after completing five drug busts.

Something you will miss: Hanging out on the mess deck with my friends.

Something you will not miss: Squeezing into the gym to workout.

BM2 Sean Liston

(Deck Department)

New Unit: Station Eatons Neck, Northport, New York

Favorite Port Call: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Favorite Memory: Driving to Key West, FL in the small boat after the cutter was unable to recover the boat because the davit broke.

Something you will miss: Deck Department

SN Forrest Davidson

(Deck Department)

New Unit: Boatswainsmate A-School, Yorktown, Virginia

Favorite Port Call: Cape Canaveral, Florida

Favorite Memory: Disney World

Something you will miss: The people in Deck Department .

Something you will not miss: Mess Cooking

For the Crew: Name that Object!

Think you know your way around SENECA? Below are four every day objects found onboard. If you can identify all four objects and their location, email LTJG Lamphere. If you're one of the first three members of the crew to get the correct answer, you'll win 5 tickets towards this patrol's casino night!



I'm located in a place not many people like to dwell, some onboard are acquainted with me for 2 weeks at a time.

My use causes a part of the ship to be secured. It's for your own good and for the privacy of those who use me every few days.



I pick things up and put them back down....but only if they're in a basket.

My counterpart is the source of a lot of EO's headaches...but even I've been known to lose control. BM2 Liston would know.

Division Spotlight: Electronics Division

This issue's division spotlight is a shout out to one of the most important divisions onboard, the Electronics Division. The Electronics Divisions consists of two separate shops made up of Electronics Technician (ETs) and Information Systems Technicians (ITs) supervised by a Division Officer and Division Chief. The Division Officer is ENS Joshua Guthlein and the Division Chief is Chief Petty Officer Joshua Price. The ET shop is comprised of ET1 Brandon Goodwin, ET2 Brian Armstrong, ET2 Jack Slaughter and ET3 Andrew Isleib. Our ETs work hard to ensure all electronic and communications systems work effectively and efficiently to include our navigation systems such as radar and GPS as well as all of our radio broadcast systems that allow us to communicate with other vessels in the area, aircraft, and Coast Guard offices on land. Without them, the safe navigation of the ship would be almost impossible. The IT shop is made up of three Petty Officers to include IT1 Robert Kuivinen, IT2 Edwin Li and IT3 Luis Nunez. While the ET shop is responsible for the majority of the electronics equipment onboard, the IT shop is responsible for all computer based technology to include all laptops, desktop computers, phones, the ship's intercom system, servers and, of course, the internet. The IT's are the people who ensure that the SENECA crew are able to contact our loved ones back home on a regular basis through email! Thank you Electronics Division for all that you do!!!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

The SENECA Crew wishes a Happy Anniversary to our shipmates and their loved ones:

FS1 Lamb - 4/8
 MKC Carvalho - 4/21
 EM2 Scott - 4/21
 SKC Alongi - 4/26
 FS3 Demarzio - 5/3
 GM2 Fisher - 5/16



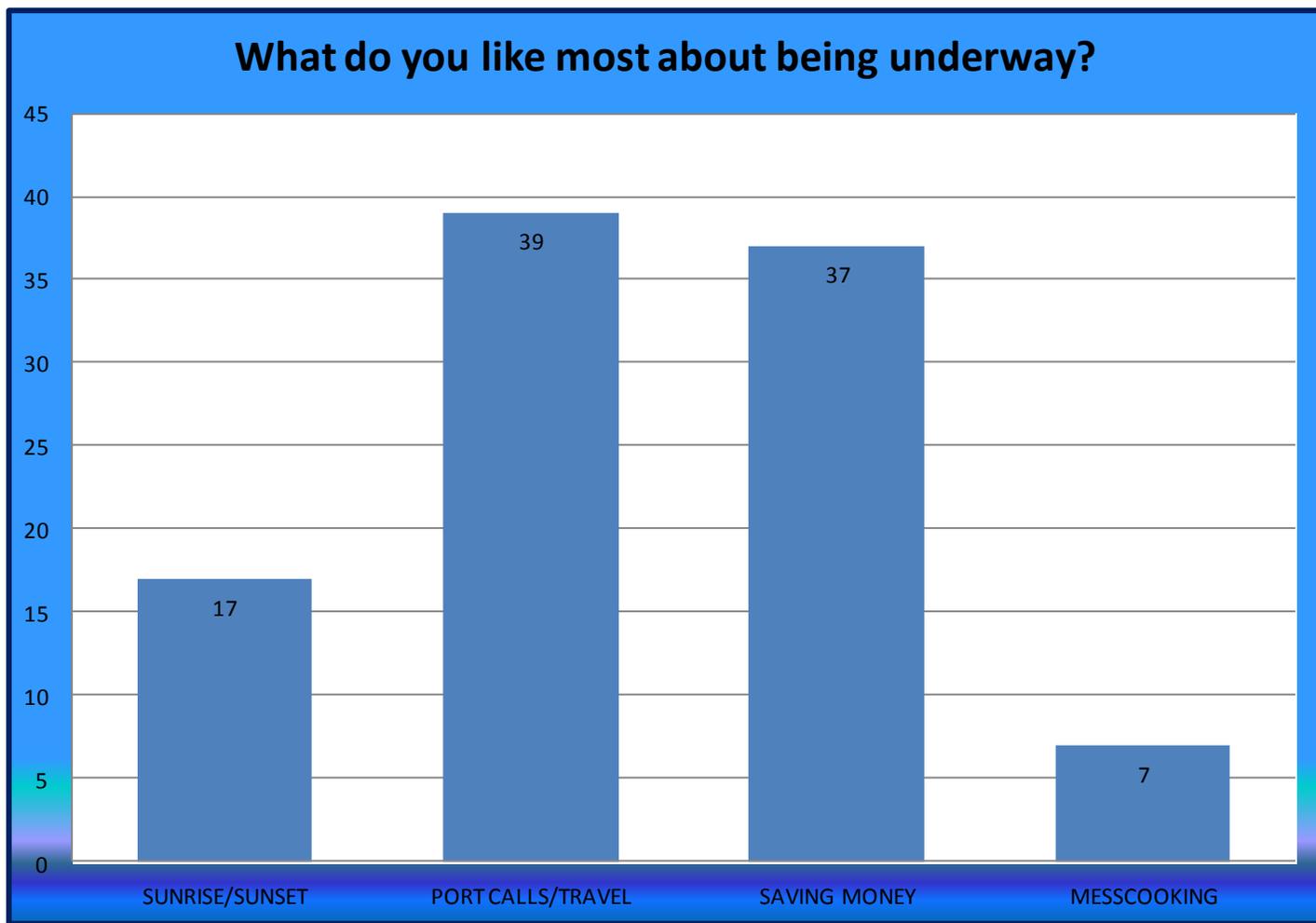
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



SENECA wishes a happy birthday to the following shipmates:

LTJG Fredericksen - 5/13
 OS1 McClearn - 5/22
 FN Davis - 5/24
 OS2 DeSalvo - 5/25
 LTJG Lortz - 5/25
 IT2 Li - 5/29

SENECA POLL



In our last poll, we asked the crew what they missed most about being away from home (aside from family and friends of course). This time, we asked what they liked most about being underway.

100 people voted and the winning choice (by a small margin) was the opportunity to travel and visit different ports. For those who chose mess cooking, we hope the rest of this patrol and next patrol changes your mind!

Meet our Shipmates: Interviews with Temporary Crewmembers

Our shipmates assigned to SENECA on temporary duty are essential to the cutter's mission success! Their presence onboard prevents a significant loss of manpower and their hard work enhances the quality of life for all of those onboard. Learn about our temporary crewmembers below!

YN2 Shawn Davis

(Sector Mobile, Mobile, Alabama)

Favorite Food: Blue Crab

If you could be any animal: Dolphin

First Car: 1994 Acura Integra

Favorite Hobby: Playing any sport

EM1 Larry Hatalla

(CG Base Alameda, California)

Favorite Food: Smoked Tri Tip Steak

If you could be any animal: Badger

First Car: 1987 Olds Cutlass

Favorite Hobby: Snowboarding

MK2 Caden Collins

(MSST Galveston, Galveston, Texas)

Favorite Food: New York Strip Steak

If you could be any animal: Macaw

First Car: 1994 Chevy Silverado

Favorite Hobby: Bow Hunting

1/c Cadet Andrew Anderson

(U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut)

Favorite Food: Anything from In and Out

If you could be any animal: Eagle

First Car: 1998 Ford Ranger

Favorite Hobby: Snowboarding

1/c Cadet Katie Neubig

(U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut)

Favorite Food: Cookie Dough Ice Cream

If you could be any animal: Panda

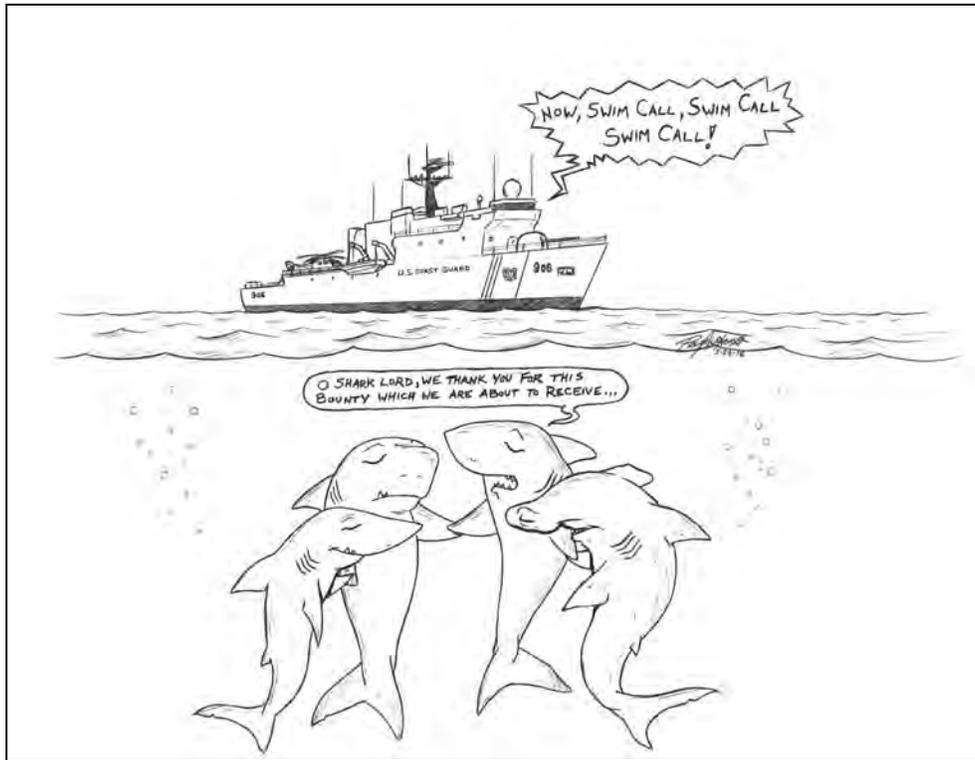
First Car: 1999 Ford Taurus

Favorite Hobby: Hanging out with friends

CAUGHT ON CAMERA!



THE OTHER SIDE OF SWIM CALLS



CARTOON BY LT ALEXANDER, EO

HAVE A FAMILY EMERGENCY?

Do you have something or someone you would like to see featured in the SENECA Sailor, or any questions for our newsletter staff? If so, please submit a Letter to the Editor that will be featured in our next edition to...

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