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THE SENECA SAILOR

"The Official 411 on the 906"

FROM THE CO'S CHAIR

What a winter patrol we have had! The SENECA team could not have done a better job conquering the Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) in early December. All categories of training that were completed received scores that qualify SENECA to compete for the Battle "E". Two of the five categories could not be finished due to Navy scheduling problems outside of our control. We will attempt to complete those requirements at the beginning of our next patrol. The performance of the crew through this TSTA was the best I have ever seen in my 20 year career and one of the best that our trainers have ever seen. This is a real testament to the pride and professionalism of the crew in the lead up to TSTA and the perseverance to keep their energy and attention to detail high despite the grueling three week training event.

We then moved on to our New England fisheries patrol that also demanded we be ready for a search and rescue case at any time. While the winter weather can be frustrating at times we had a great patrol that only saw one SAR case. The case involved our Health Services Technician, HS1 Slagle, being taken over to a whale watching boat that had a person suffering from multiple seizures. HS1 Slagle did an exemplary job stabilizing the patient and preparing him for transfer to another Coast Guard boat that took him ashore for further transport to the Emergency Room.

The SENECA team conducted fisheries enforcement with an eye toward thorough boardings that document violations of fisheries regulations and safety regulations which create an unfair advantage to that fisherman or do harm to the fishery resources. Our Combat Information Center personnel have done excellent work sorting through historical data to target vessels for inspections that are more likely than others to violate fisheries or safety regulations. The SENECA boarding teams then conducted thorough boardings that documented any violations found. So far, the SENECA team has found violations on approximately 60% of the boardings thus far. This is the direct result of the hard work put in to find the best boarding targets and the boarding teams conducting extremely thorough inspections.

None of the above results happen without the Engineering Department keeping all of the machinery running in good order. We all have benefited from their hard work as the cutter, the small boats and the auxiliary machinery continues to perform despite SENECA being almost 30 years old. This is a real testament to the engineers of SENECA.

There are a few changes that the families will notice this inport. I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Jennifer Kuivinen has volunteered and been selected to be the next Ombudsman. The official change will happen shortly after SENECA returns from this patrol. We all owe Mrs. Brittney Jenness a big thanks for all of the extremely hard work and often behind the scenes support she has given to our families. She has always had the right answer at the right time to support our members and families when challenges arise. We will also bring on a new Command Chief, MKC Andrew Carvalho, during this inport. MKC Carvalho has been a SENECA Chief for almost two years and will be an excellent Command Chief to support the crew and the command going forward. We also want to give EMC Steve Craig a huge thanks for all of his support to the crew as the Command Chief for over a year. This is a demanding job and EMC Craig has done it well and with poise.

Thanks to all of the families for your support, we look forward to seeing you later this week!



DIVISION HIGHLIGHT OF THE PATROL!

Division : Culinary Specialists

The Culinary Specialists onboard SENECA are the cornerstone to morale during the patrols. SENECA is lucky to have such a talented group comprising of CS1 Billow, CS2 Demarzio, CS3 Nolasco, CS3 Demery, and CS3 Revaz. The culinary specialists do an outstanding job cooking special meals on the holidays and providing outstanding meals every single day for all 100 crewmembers. And of course, our mess cooks make this possible by cleaning all of the plates, cups, and silverware., which is no easy task. Bravo Zulu for your excellent work!



Camera Roll!!!



Burial at Sea

SENECA was honored to perform a burial at sea for a fellow Coast Guardsman by the name of Leon “Butch” Leblanc. Butch passed away on July 6, 2016 and it was requested by Butch’s family that SENECA give him a proper burial at sea. On January 25, 2017 Butch was buried at sea near his favorite fishing spot 12 nautical miles off of Nubble Light. Rest in peace Butch.



Happy Birthday



SK2 Audrey Lopez- November 27
MK1 Robert Meader- November 27
SN Mark Romine- November 27
ET2 Brian Armstrong- December 3
LTJG Alexia Parks- December 11
SN John Ludgate- December 15
ETC Michael Gessner- December 20
MK2 Joshua Gomez- December 29
SN Jonathon Ruegg- January 2
OSC Jason Thorn- January 2
MKC Andrew Carvalho- January 11
CWO2 Arthur Stark- January 13
FS2 David Demarzio- January 15
ME1 Ian Gillespie- January 16
SN Marcos Vega- January 18
BM3 Christian Von Dwingelo- January 19
ET2 Jack Slaughter- January 20
ENS David Cooper- January 28
ET2 Lewis Therrien- January 28

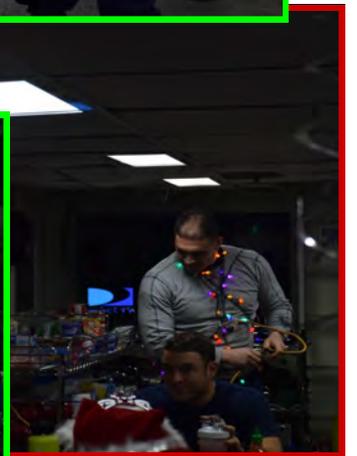
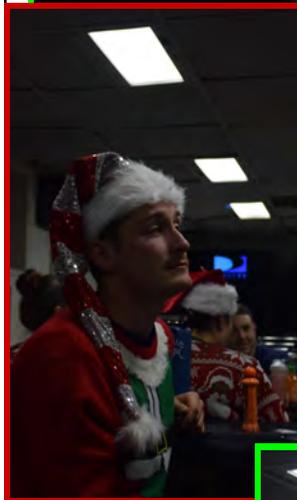
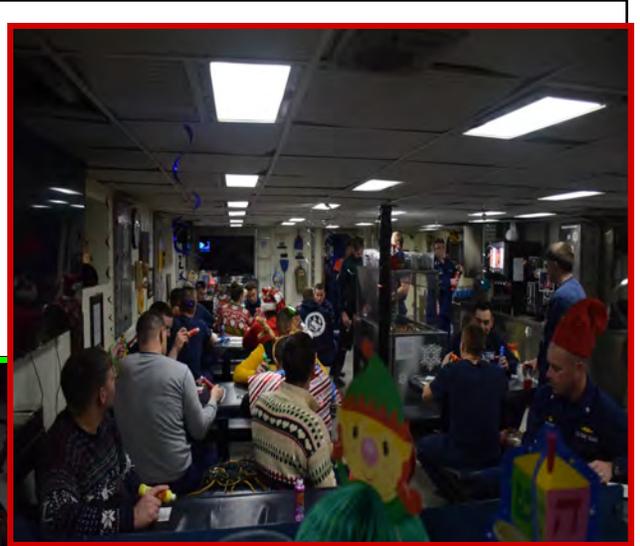
MORALE COMMITTEE

Morale this patrol was crucial for the crew and the Morale committee once again did an outstanding job creating entertaining nights for the crew to enjoy. Morale events were especially helpful during the holiday period while members of the crew were away from home. The events this patrol included : 1MC holiday music during the week of Christmas, an ugly sweater party, a holiday Yankee swap and cookie decorating party, 1MC Trivia twice a week, Bingo, Charades, the Assassin game, and nonrate night in the wardroom while officers cooked morale dinner. Thank you for doing an outstanding job and keeping everyone's spirits high!



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HOLIDAY PHOTOS!



CAUGHT ON CAMERA!



DID YOU KNOW?

USCG Base Boston has a Health Safety and Work Life Division aimed at providing assistance to active duty members and their families.

- Their mission is “ to strike a reasonable balance between the needs of the Coast Guard and the needs of our members and their families. The goal is to create a total quality environment by which the Coast Guard will achieve organizational excellence and continue to provide valued services to our customers.”
- Health Safety Work Life Programs are as follows:

Family Resource Program

Provide advocacy, information, referral, education, and case management services to Coast Guard families. This includes managing the Special Needs program.

Family Advocacy Program

Provide support for all types of domestic violence and abuse, conduct domestic violence prevention education and training, and serve as a liaison between military and civilian communities.

Transition and Relocation Program

Provide Coast Guard members with assistance when relocating, assist with transition from military to civilian careers including conducting TAP seminars, serve as the Ombudsman Program Manager.

Health Promotion Program

Conduct lifestyle/fitness assessments for units or individuals, manage and train unit Health Promotion Coordinators, provide health-related presentations and educational materials (including tobacco cessation information), conduct health screenings, and serve as a source for individual dietary guidance.

Family Child Care

Administer the Family Child Care program which certifies day care operations in Coast Guard-owned or -leased housing, assist parents with finding local child care resources, administer the GSA and Coast Guard subsidy programs.

Please visit the following link for more details. <http://www.uscg.mil/baseboston/h/worklife/>

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**.



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SHOUTOUT TO **ET2 CLAY** and **MPA** FOR TAKING
PICTURES DURING THE PATROL!!!!!!!