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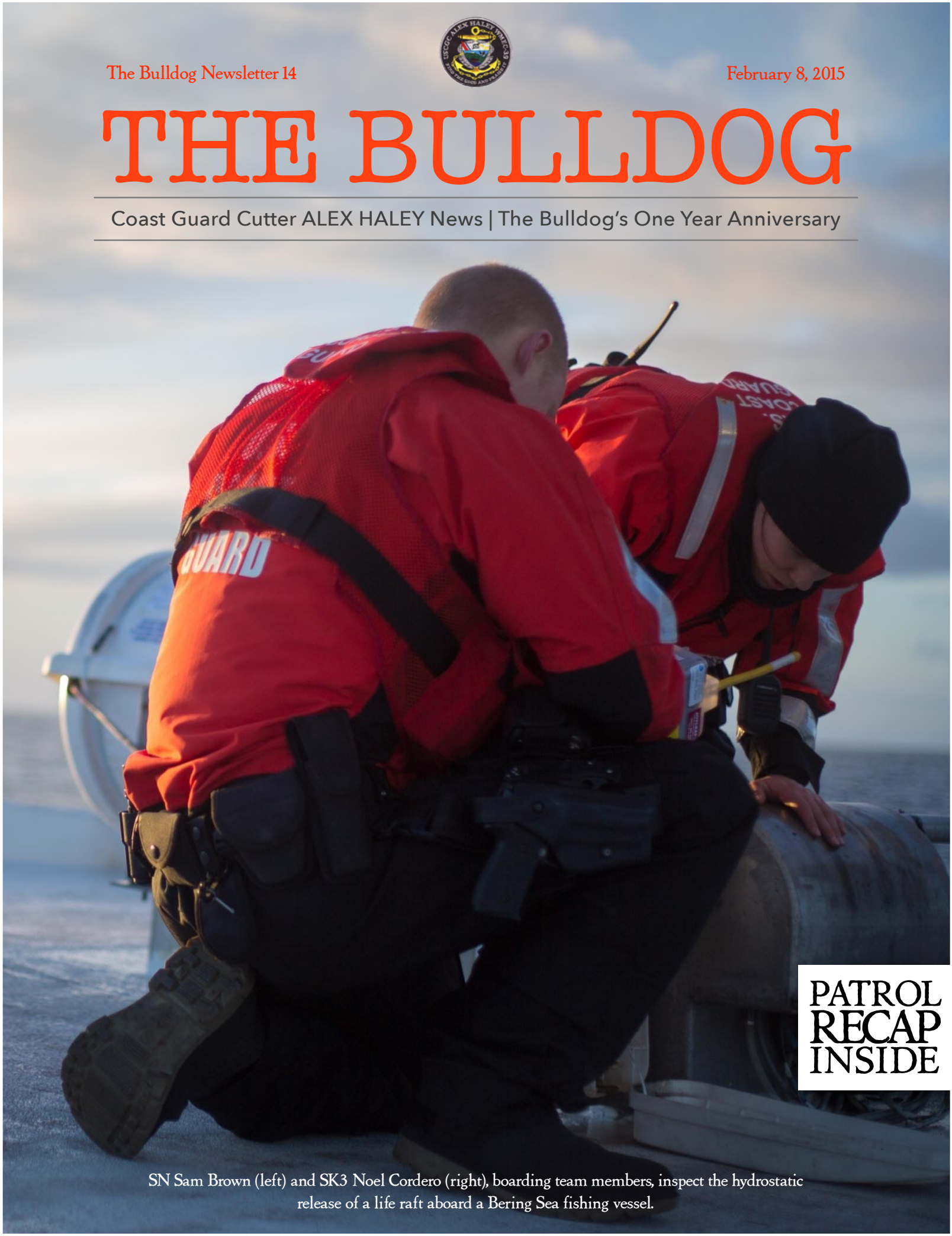


PATROL RECAP INSIDE

SN Sam Brown (left) and SK3 Noel Cordero (right), boarding team members, inspect the hydrostatic release of a life raft aboard a Bering Sea fishing vessel.

A Word from Captain

Bulldog Friends and Family,

Ahoy! As we prepare to pull into Kodiak the skies are blue and the sun is shining. We did not see enough of that nice weather this patrol! The sunny weather fits our mood as we prepare to reunite with those of you in Kodiak. As always, I'm filled with pride and appreciation for the crew I serve with. It is truly and honor to serve with such a fine group of men and women. I would like to extend a special thank you for all the support you have shown us this patrol. The care packages, Christmas cards, baked goods and gifts were absolutely amazing and somewhat overwhelming. You certainly brought smiles and holiday cheer to the decks of the Mighty Bulldog!

As we hit the shore and test our sea legs on dry ground, we'll look fondly back on the service we provided and the great support that enabled us to do so. God bless you all!

As always, thank you for your patriotism, sacrifice and encouragement!

Most sincerely,

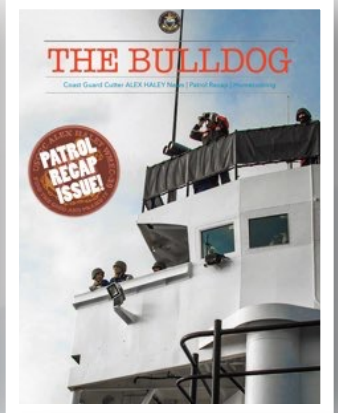
Steve

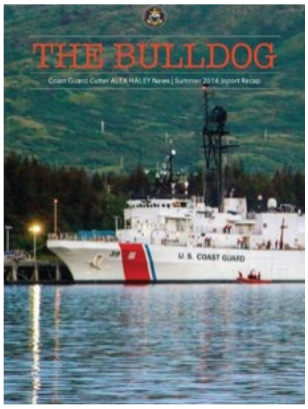
Commander Steve White
Commanding Officer
Coast Guard Cutter ALEX HALEY
"The Bulldog of the Bering"

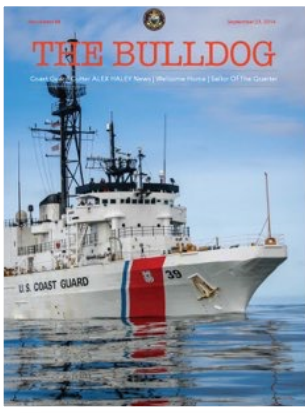
Happy Birthday Bulldog!

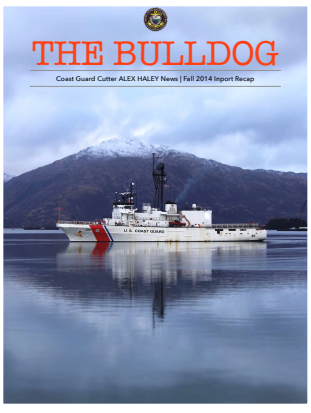
ALEX HALEY Public Affairs would like to thank our readers for their dedication to "The Bulldog" newsletter. On February 8, 2014 we released our first edition covering our Tailored Ships Training Availability in Seattle. Since then, we've released thirteen more covering over 50 stories. We hope our efforts in providing you up to date information about our awesome ship and crew have been enlightening and fun. We sincerely appreciate every member on board that endures our constant camera presence. Without you, there would be no stories, no pictures, and no Bulldog. Here's to next year!

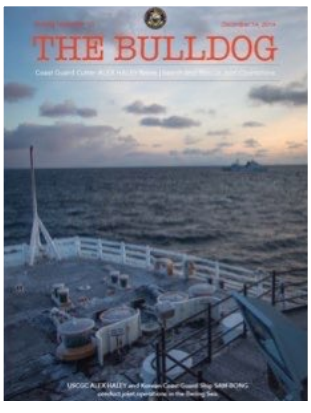
-OS3 Dale Arnould
Assistant Public Affairs Officer

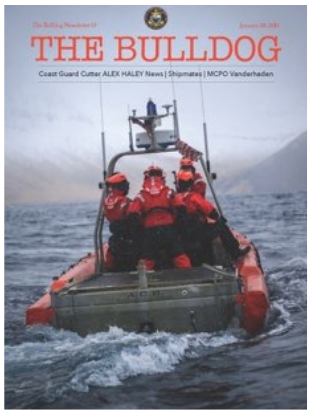












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PATROL RECAP

70 DAYS

9,542 NAUTICAL MILES

YN1 Stephanie Fomby

SN Grant Bowers

74 FLIGHT HOURS

SN Adam Guercio

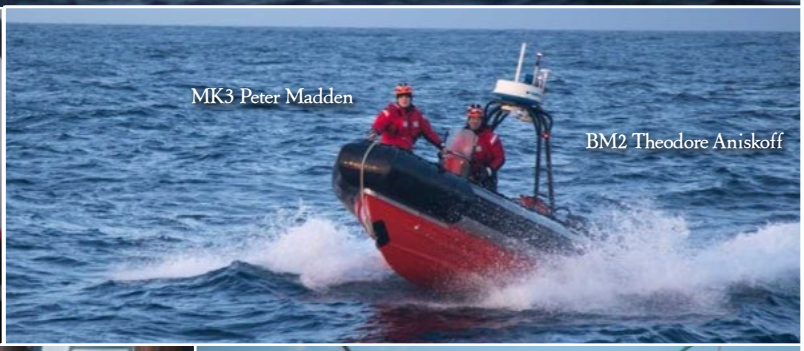
SN Jacob Haustveit

SN Jakob Faulk

SN William Willoughby

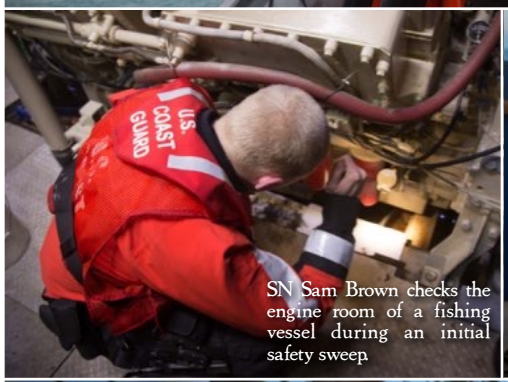
41 BOARDINGS

BM3 Rian Baruether and SNBM Casey Blackwell keep pace with a fishing vessel near Akutan Island.



MK3 Peter Madden

BM2 Theodore Aniskoff



SN Sam Brown checks the engine room of a fishing vessel during an initial safety sweep

LTJG Thomas Hernandez

SK3 Noel Cordero

SN Sam Brown

ALEX HALEY boarding team members embark a fishing vessel in the Bering Sea..

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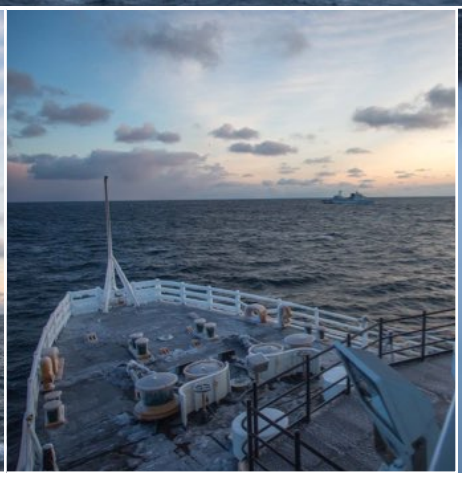
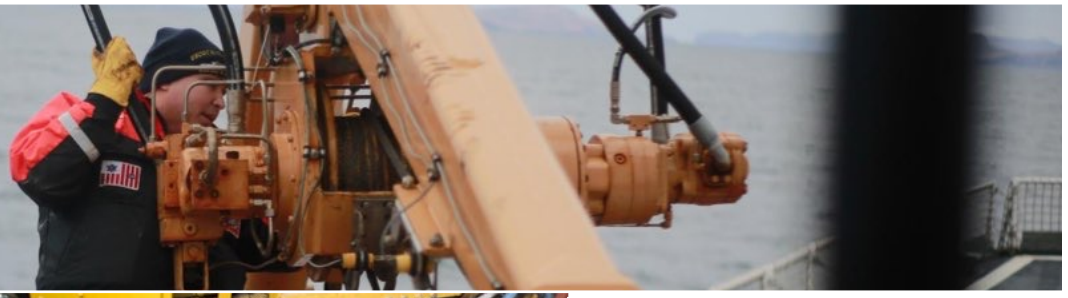
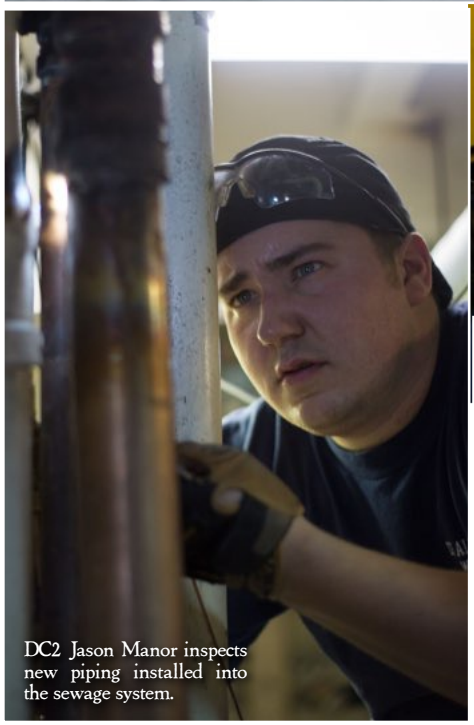
1 SEARCH & RESCUE CASE
312 HOURS



OVER 2,000 MAINTENANCE MAN HOURS

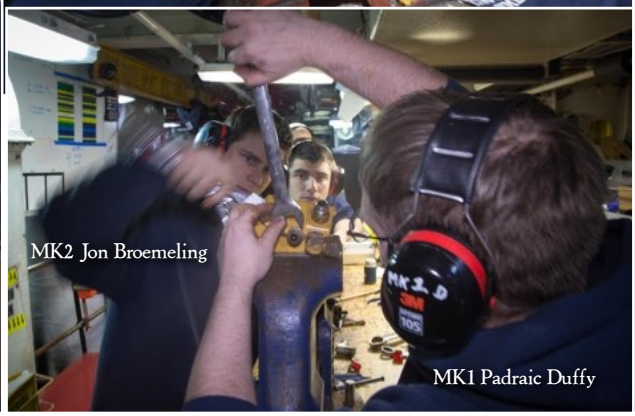




DC2 Jason Manor inspects new piping installed into the sewage system.

MK3 Brandon Ficht

MK3 Chris Sandrelli



MK2 Jon Broemeling

MK1 Padraic Duffy

DC3 Tyler Rice preps a pipe for brazing.

Saying Goodbye to TAD Shipmates

ME1 Tobie Stanley

During ME1's time onboard, he participated in 18 Alaskan Living Marine Resources boardings as a Boarding Officer, directly supporting ALEX HALEY's mission in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. As a Law Enforcement Instructor (LEI) he assisted in 15 training sessions leading to the qualification of personnel. ME1 also dedicated numerous hours assisting junior crew members with Enlisted Evaluations and trained personnel on the importance of good supporting documentation. His mentoring of non-rated personnel about the Maritime Enforcement Specialist rating allowed several members to make more informed career decisions.

AG1 John Dicola

AG1, a Navy Aerographer's Mate, has been onboard ALEX HALEY since December 1st, 2014. He completed over 60 comprehensive weather briefs enabling the cutter to maintain mission readiness throughout the Bering Sea. His knowledge and expertise regarding meteorological observations also allowed for the training of bridge Quartermasters of the Watch in observing and accurately recording weather conditions. His efforts onboard also played a key role in the multi-national Search and Rescue response to the sinking of Foreign Fishing Vessel 501 ORYONG, a Korean trawler sunk off the Russian coast. His on-scene forecasts were vital in the coordination of assets from the United States, Republic of Korea, and Russia as ALEX HALEY served as On Scene Commander.

SN Grant Bowers

SN Bowers is commended for his outstanding performance of duty while temporarily assigned to ALEX HALEY from December 1, 2014 through February 8, 2015. While onboard, his eagerness to learn deck seamanship was evident. He quickly qualified helm and lookout, increasing ALEX HALEY's operational readiness. During the Search and Rescue case for the Korean trawler 501 ORYONG, he willingly stood extra lookout watches in harsh weather conditions aiding in ALEX HALEY's efforts to find the remaining fishermen. SN Bowers participated in four anchor details, 11 mooring evolutions and over 50 small boat lowering details. He has truly become a shipmate and it was a pleasure having him onboard.

OS1 ROBERT MOORE
From Marine to Shipmate

ALEX HALEY's 2014-2015 Winter Alaska Patrol marks the end of a storied career for our current Operations Specialist-in-Charge. Having served in the Marines and the Navy, OS1 Robert Moore is beginning to celebrate his retirement from the Coast Guard. With only a few weeks left on Active Duty, The Bulldog would like to thank him for his 22 years of service to our country.

Robert graduated the twelve week U.S. Marine Corps basic training in July of 1992 on Paris Island, South Carolina. After basic, he would attend advanced infantryman training and become an Aviation Operations Specialists with orders to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro in Santa Ana, California. After four and a half years, Robert left the Marines and briefly worked with U.S. Airways as a Flight Dispatcher.

In 1998, Robert decided the rejoin the military. This time with the Navy. Taking into account his Marine Corps skill set, the Navy allowed him to bypass their basic training and immediately attend Operations Specialist "A" School. Upon graduation, Robert received orders to USS NORMANDY, a cruiser assigned to defend the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON battle group. He spent four years traveling the northern hemisphere, enjoying Greece most of all for the unique history and sights. In 2001, he would meet his wife, Sheila, a California native, on a blind date in Virginia.

It was in 2002 that Robert and Sheila sought out a U.S. Coast Guard recruiter, wanting to "do something better, more meaningful". The Coast Guard gladly accepted his years of operational experience, allowing him to not only bypass basic training, but "A" school as well. Robert was promptly assigned to the Intelligence Coordination Center in Maryland as an Operations Specialist. He spent three years vetting crew members of cargo vessels inbound for port. His next duty station was the out-of-rate experience of personally assisting the lead engineer in charge of several renovation projects at Coast Guard Headquarters. Following HQ, Robert reported to Sector Buffalo, New York. Robert's favorite memories of Sector Buffalo include establishing and monitoring radio communications for the U.S. Border Patrol. After four years in the northeast, Robert and Sheila would find themselves in sunny California at Coast Guard District Eleven Command Center. "I really enjoyed the search and rescue side of working in California," Robert says about D11. It was in 2014 that he would pack up a few suitcases, kiss his wife and six kids goodbye and report, geo-bachelor, to USCGC ALEX HALEY in Kodiak, AK.

During Robert's brief time on the "Bulldog of the Bering", he has truly become a shipmate and friend. His smile, leadership, and bright personality has been a cornerstone amongst the other Operations Specialists. "I'm grateful for the OS's and the rest of the crew that has made this farewell tour a memorable one," he remarked. His favorite moment on board has been the "Haunted Haley", saying of the experience, "it was so much fun interacting with the community and kids of Kodiak." Robert's retirement will be held early March in Kodiak, Alaska.

In civilian life, Robert plans on finishing his Bachelors degree. His ideal second career would be assisting families displaced or affected by natural disasters. Robert will return to his family in Concord, California where they own a house.

Robert - from the OS's - we will miss you so much. Your ever-positive attitude, extensive knowledge of 80's and 90's hip-hop songs, and genuine compassion will leave a hard to fill void in our shop. We wish you the best of luck, shipmate. Stay in touch.

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