

# Welcome to USCGC Boutwell

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## SEARCH & RESCUE, TURNS INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT!



Captain Peter J. Brown

Greetings Fred's Place members and readers,

This has been another exciting and successful week for BOUTWELL as we intercepted and boarded a suspicious fishing vessel. The vessel was first sighted by Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) and was far from normal fishing grounds. BOUTWELL used our gas turbine engines to quickly close in on the vessel during daylight hours. As we approached, the fishing vessel was visibly sinking from an apparent scuttling attempt by their crew and we witnessed a small boat departing with several people on board. BOUTWELL's rescue and assistance team went aboard, but no people remained and the vessel had sunken too far to be saved. We remained close by as the deep blue ocean waters swallowed the sinking vessel, releasing rectangular packages that we recognized as bales of drugs that floated to the surface. Our boat crews recovered 295 bales (about 6 tons) of cocaine from the water and more may have gone to the bottom with the vessel. We searched for another day for the vessel's crew, but never found their smaller boat, and BOUTWELL returned to our patrol area. The entire crew did a great job in handling this case, and I hope there will be more to come.

*CAJ Peter J. Brown*

Commanding Officer  
USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719)

[Underway in the EastPac . . .](#)

## Engineering Department - Auxiliary Division (A-Gang)

Hello everyone, this is ENS Jonathan D. Lee, Auxiliary Division Officer for the BOUTWELL. The Auxiliary Division, aka A-gang is responsible for all of the machinery outside of the Engine room. Most of these include "hotel services" so the crew has the ability to stay cool (A/c's), have fresh food (refrigeration), hot showers, and laundry. A-gang also maintains systems that allow BOUTWELL to steer, and maneuver in restricted waters, and maintains all of the ships fuel – which can be a daunting task with over 220,000 gallons of fuel onboard.

All members of A-gang exhibit unwavering dedication and professionalism in the performance of their duties. Many of them learning from senior members and demonstrating great technical expertise in the skillful execution of engineering principles. Through their devotion to duty, BOUTWELL continues to make a name for herself as an effective and capable Coast Guard asset carrying out our primary missions of law enforcement, search and rescue, defense operations, and Homeland Security. No less than in keeping with our motto "Best in the West!"



A-gang's crew consists of: (from left standing) FNMK Herrod, MKC Steve Ladnier, FA Lombardi, MK3 Kavanaugh, MK3 Lowther, MK1 Bardwell, MK2 Holcomb, ENS Lee, MK1 Brian Neely, (kneeling) FN Pacheco, FA Franco, FN Bourgeois, and FN Kemp. We all thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you back home.

### ENGINEERING'S LEADING NON-RATE....FN BYINGTON

Ask FN Annelies Byington where she wanted to work when she first reported onboard Boutwell, she'll tell you Deck Department. Ten months later FN Byington has gained the recognition and distinction of being named Boutwell's Leading Fireman.

Originally from Westminster, Vermont, FN Byington joined the Coast Guard at age nineteen with the hope of attending 'HS' A School. This hope is nearly a reality as she is likely to receive orders to attend it in early 2007, however, time spent onboard Boutwell has not been lost on her or the cutter.

During TSTA (Tailored Shipboard Training Availability) in July, FN Byington was recognized for her skills as a fireman when she was pulled from her General Emergency billet in Primary BDS for a security position during Main Space fire drills. The move, which took her from her comforts in BDS and literally sent her to the front of the fire, earned her the novelty of becoming Boutwell's very first "TSTA Warrior", a title that was placed upon those who stood out for their contributions during the training cycle.

Aside from helping to set the tone for what would be a very successful TSTA run for Boutwell, FN Byington also enjoyed attending firefighting school. The school, hosted by the Navy, encompassed basic to advanced firefighting before concluding with a pipe/patch/ and shoring drill known as the "Wet Trainer."

Named BOUTWELL's leading fireman in August, FN Byington is running with her new responsibility. The earned spotlight has brought her the task of organizing work teams and overseeing projects, two responsibilities that she enjoys daily on Boutwell's latest deployment.



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### Boutwell Drills and Training

In order to be prepared for just about anything that luck and the surrounding environment can throw at them, Boutwell's Crew is continuously training. Most of our training evolutions are ship-wide (meaning that they include all crewmembers). Some of the ship's damage control drills include fire, flooding, collision, helo-crash on deck, and other drills such as man overboard and abandon ship.

Our most recent all hands training included a damage control (DC) round robin training consisting of many basic DC skills such as fire-hose handling, flight deck safety, pipe patching and plugging, electric submersible pump familiarization, abandon ship life-boat training, heat stress management, sight and hearing conservation, and respiratory safety.

These training sessions were followed by an abandon ship drill, during which each crewmember assembles with his or her life-boat crew on the flight deck and provides the necessary equipment for survival. Some of the items crewmembers are typically assigned to bring to the flight deck include blankets, food, pyrotechnics (flares), M16 rifle, flashlights, and first aid kits. Other crewmembers are in charge of destroying any sensitive information or equipment before they muster with their raft. After taking accountability the crewmembers prepare to embark on their assigned boats. Boutwell has ten life boats onboard, not including the two Over The Horizon 23 foot rigid hull inflatable boats (RHIB).

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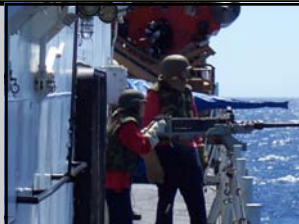
### SOS? No, just pyrotechnics training!

Pyro training was held onboard for newly reporting crewmembers. After a brief safety lecture, members were allowed to light-off various different flares. Pictured with a red smoke flare (left) is FN Lombardi, as GM1 Oatman safety observes. Right is ENS Smith using a white smoke flare.



### .50 CAL GUNNERY EXERCISE

FS2 May practices firing the .50 Cal, as FS3 Wellemeyer trains.



### 76 MM Gunnery Exercise



## ATT (AVIATION TRAINING TEAM)



(Left) FNEM Campos (fwd-hidden) and ET3 Hawks (hose man), practice extinguishing an helo fire, as ENS Atherton provides instructions.

(Right) DCC Healy (fwd-nozzle man) provides some hands on fire fighting instruction, with DC3 Jones as hose man.



(Left) FNEM Campos (fwd) and ET3 Hawks as hose man.

(Right) Both teams advance on imaginary fire.



### Ode to Ops: A Tribute in Verse by Slimy Wog May

Now hear the story of a man called Ops  
A salty old sailor with sea time that tops  
Any to be found amongst Boutwell's fine crop.

In Walla Walla, Washington his story began  
And when he grew up to be a young man  
He joined the Coast Guard  
And soon bid farewell to land.

After basic training and a year at Sturgeon Bay  
SN Unger left for Yorktown  
To attend that school known as "A".

From "A" School young David, with his third class crows to wear  
Found himself sailing on CGC Bear  
From there he went to Nunivak and then to Polar Sea  
And then two years later at CGC Valiant he'd be.

The Valiant behind him, to Boutwell he came  
Then Knight Island, the Rush and the Matinicus called his name.

If a mathematician you are, eight cutters you'll count  
But our friend has nine sea tours; I've left one more out.  
Hey Einstein, you fool- figure it out!  
He's at Boutwell again- with 18 years sea time to tout.

So if around the ship this sailor you see  
Pop a salute and bow to your knees,  
No matter where you look, on sea or on land  
You'll be hard pressed to find a crustier old man.

*FS2 May*

**(This poem was prepared as part of a crossing the line ceremony. More to on that, next week!)**

## OMBUDSMAN CORNER

Hi, my name is Jennifer Waggoner. I am one of your unit ombudsman. Please feel free to contact me for questions or concerns you may have.

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Hello my name is Heather Stapley and I work with Jennifer Waggoner in the Ombudsman role for the ship.

A few ideas that I have for the families are for us all to get together and have a social event, movie night, game night, and so on. Another idea that I would really like to start is a Boutwell scrapbook. The plan is to have each member's family or loved ones to create a page for the scrapbook. When the book is finished we then will present it to the ship's historian.

If anyone has any further ideas please don't hesitate to call or drop me a line. I am excited about the serving in the position and look forward to meeting all of you.

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Thanks!!

## PAYING HONORS

On Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> CGC BOUTWELL held a burial at sea ceremony for four members of our armed services. Frank R. Farmer, U.S. Coast Guard, Claire P. Rousseau, U.S. Navy, John W. Hock, U.S. Navy, and Michael R. Harris, U.S. Navy. Their ashes were permanently laid to rest in the South Pacific Ocean. Seven members of the CGC BOUTWELL's crew were present to give the members a 21 gun salute, the highest honor available. The ceremony was closed with a trumpet rendition of TAPS. The burial at sea is a time honored tradition dating as far back as sea going services themselves. It is an honor reserved for members who have served in the United States Military.



## SHOUT OUTS!

Hi Neng, Jessie and Nanay. I love and miss you all.

Jessie, enjoy 5th grade, hope you have fun on your first week of school. Talk to you guys soon."

Love- Noel

Shae and Angel,

I'll talk to you two soon, I love you and miss you.

Steve

Tammy, Brooke, & Jake

I love and miss all of you very much.

Kenny

Hello Aubrey, I love you and miss you.

Jerry

Mom, Sorry I missed last week....Happy Birthday... A couple days late....Love all Back in GA..... Mom and Dad Happy Anniversary..... Glad you both are enjoying your retired life...

Love Anthony

NCAA Football Season is starting.....**GO DAWGS!!!!!!**

Hi Andrea, Arianna, Edward & Evan, I miss you(s). Edward and Evan, I'm looking forward to hearing some new words soon. Dad/Hubby

Chanel, Chase, Caleb and Cayla,

Dad loves you and I look forward to seeing you when I get home.

Brian

Megan, Good luck shaping young minds at your first week back to school...

Benji

Phoebe, I love and miss you. Mom, Ushekia, and Deston...Happy Birthday. Derrick enjoy your TDY, see you next year. Everyone else, love and miss you.

Mel

Danny and all our friends at the Navy League. Thanks.

Rob

Happy Anniversary Shirl, Thanks for being the Love of my life these past 21 years. I love You and we'll celebrate when I get home.

Love, Bob

Ryan,

Best of luck in your Senior year of High School. I'm proud of you and look forward to being home soon.

Love, Dad