

Welcome to USCGC Boutwell

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MEDEVAC!

After nearly a month at sea and looking towards their first port call, BOUTWELL's crew received news of a possible MEDEVAC (Medical Evacuation) case involving an American flagged vessel in South American waters. Any plans on stretching legs and relaxing were put on hold for the time being as Boutwell turned south to rendezvous with the vessel.

Boutwell steamed toward the meeting point for approximately ten hours, receiving updates through radio and email communications about the status of the vessel's captain. As the sun sank in the sky the crew prepared for the unknown as the reports varied from the severe to the smallest of medical emergencies. The Health Service Technician staff, consisting of HSC Ray Funke and HS3 Curtis Munsey checked and rechecked their equipment ensuring they were able to provide the same high level of healthcare that BOUTWELL's crew has come to expect.

Once alongside the vessel, BOUTWELL's deck crew launched one of the Over the Horizon small boats with HS3 Munsey on board to provide medical intervention immediately upon reaching the patient. Once on board the vessel, the patient was stabilized and transported back to Boutwell for further medical treatment and continuation to the Galapagos Islands. All through the night HSC Funke and HS3 Munsey alternated treatment of the patient, ensuring his safety during the trip. In the early evening of the following day Boutwell once again lowered her small boat and transported the patient to Santa Cruz, Galapagos Island, Ecuador.

With the knowledge that they were essential to the saving of a life, Boutwell and her crew headed towards their first well deserved port call and relaxation.

(Pictures of Santa Cruz, Galapagos on page 4)



Captain Peter J. Brown

Greetings Fred's Place members and readers,

After almost 3 straight weeks at sea, BOUTWELL rested and resupplied last week during a two day port call in Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala. Puerto Quetzal is the principal seaport on the Pacific coast of Guatemala, a central American country just south of Mexico. Our engineers refilled our nearly empty fuel tanks, support personnel restocked our "reefers" (refrigerators) with fresh food, and we said hail and farewell to several new arrivals and departing crewmembers. One of the highlights of the stop was the opportunity to visit the 400 year old city of La Antigua Guatemala. Antigua was the capital of the region for almost 200 years until it was virtually destroyed by an earthquake in 1773. The city was abandoned and the inhabitants resettled in what is now the capital, Guatemala City. Many of the damaged buildings have been maintained in the 1773 state and the entire city teems with tourists and language students who want a glimpse into the past. You can see some pictures of the crew enjoying these sites in this week's newsletter. For many of the crew, another highlight was the chance to call home and hear the voices of loved ones. E-mail is great, but a phone call always seems more personal. Finally, BOUTWELL embarked a Coast Guard helicopter and 4-member aviation detachment (AVDET) to make us even more operationally capable as we resume our patrol. Hopefully, next week we'll have even more stories to tell!

Semper Paratus,

CAPT Peter J. Brown

Commanding Officer

USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719)

(Pictures of Antigua, Guatemala on page 4)

Engineering Department - Damage Control and Electrical Divisions

Hello family and friends of CGC Boutwell. This week's issue features two of the engineering department's smallest shops, Damage Control and Electrical.

The Damage Control shop is affectionately known to as "CORE DC" to some of the engineers. This title was coined during a recent rescue and assistance case, when during their efforts to save an abandoned fishing vessel they discovered a large amount of narcotics hidden in the hull of the boat.

The DC shop is responsible for several systems on board including our fire main system, sewage, and emergency equipment. They are also responsible for instructing the crew on basic damage control principles that may need to be used in the event of an emergency. This includes fire fighting and dewatering techniques. They ensure we are prepared and properly equipped for any unexpected scenarios.

As the repair division, there is always a DC on call to assist other divisions and departments with any problems they may have by fabricating tools and providing innovative ideas for repair. The DC's have also mastered welding and brazing while rocking in the middle of the ocean, quite an impressive task.

DC3 Jones has stepped up this patrol as a senior member of the shop, with the assistance of DC3 Callahan, a temporarily assigned member of the ship, to respond whenever called upon day or night. The ship is missing DC2 Green and morale from DC3 Trejo this patrol. We hope they are enjoying their time on land, but look forward to seeing them again soon back in the shop. ENS Atherton has recently taken on the position of Damage Control Assistant and is learning his importance within the shop and aboard BOUTWELL. Days are winding down for DCC Healy, who will be missed but congratulations are in order. DCC Healy will be making Chief Warrant Officer by the end of the month. And soon the shop will be welcoming DC1 Randolph, who will be making Chief shortly.



(DC3 Green and ENS Atherton in the DC Shop)



(DC3 Jones admiring the view on CGC BOUTWELL)

The Electrical shop consists of seven members that maintain most of the electrical components of our ship's equipment. Their work ranges from propulsion controllers, steering gear, and flight deck lights, to small boats, galley equipment, and laundry. They light up the ship both inside and out and supply it with electrical power for everything from mission critical equipment to personal alarm clocks, televisions, and game controllers for morale.

The EM division is a busy one. They are on call 24 hours, 7 days of the week responding to problem calls, work orders, and updating equipment on board. In the case of an emergency or during drills, the EM members are repair party electricians. If any of the ship's mast lights go out, you may find an EM or two climbing aloft and safely hanging from a mast over the water that can be seen for miles.



(EM2 Conway and FN Campos)

In addition to the many jobs the EM division members perform they also carry the load of several other collateral duties. EM members are part of the law enforcement team, aviation fire teams, rescue and assistance team, and stand engineering watches that range from security all the way up to underway engineer of the watch. Engineering watches are four hour long periods that qualified members monitor and run all engineering equipment from sewage to propulsion. Engineers withstand temperatures up to 180 degrees in the engine room while turning valves, inspecting fuel systems, and ensuring everything is running smoothly.



(EMC Kocsis and EM1 DelaCruz in Main Control)



(Hope to see you smiling again soon EM1!)

Engineering Department - Damage Control and Electrical Divisions (cont.)

This patrol the EM division is missing the expertise of EMC Kocsis and EM1 Dela Cruz. EMC Kocsis made it safely home to attend Chief Petty Officer Academy. Hope you're having fun on land Chief! We know you'd rather be out here with us. We also want to wish EM1 well and quick recovery; hope to see him back at work as soon as possible. EM2 Conway, EM2 Barcinas and FN Campos have been keeping morale up in the division and helping out the two newest members of the shop get used to the long underway days. EM2 Stapley and FNEM MCGann are putting in their share of work in on the boat in between standing two four hour watches a day while they become qualified in several positions onboard. ENS Mora is the newest EM division officer. She has recently qualified as throttleman in the engine room and when not supporting the EM division, she assists damage control training as the Damage Control Training Team coordinator.



(EM2 Stapley, FNEM MCGann, EM3 Barcinas, ENS Mora, FN Campos, and EM2 Conway in the EM Shop)

BOUTWELL'S COMMAND SENIOR CHIEF-FSCS ROBERT STAGE

Greetings from the CGC Boutwell,

I am Food Service Specialist Senior Chief Stage and have been given the opportunity to hold the prestigious title as Command Senior Chief aboard CGC BOUTWELL and it is an honor to serve with this fine crew. I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California and joined the United States Coast Guard in 1983. Shortly after leaving boot camp, I was stationed at the National Motor Life Boat School out of Washington State, and from there attended Subsistence Specialist (now called Food Service Specialist) "A" School. From there I bounced from different units on the East and West coasts, including CGC Woodrush (Alaska), Group Long Island Sound (Connecticut) CGC Conifer (California), Air Station Sitka (Alaska) and CGC Acushnet (Alaska). I then was transferred to the Coast Guard's Training Center in Petaluma, California, as an instructor and one of the leading members of the administration of the Food Service Specialist "A" School. In fact, seven of the junior Food Service Specialist currently stationed aboard BOUTWELL attended FS "A" school during my tenure and it is great to be working with them.

I have been married to my beautiful wife Shirl for 21 years and have two children Ashley, 19 currently attending college in Missouri and Ryan, 17 a senior in high school.

Since reporting aboard back in June of this year, one of many positive character traits this crew has displayed is the great pride they take in being in the Coast Guard and the willingness to go the extra mile in performing their duties for their country aboard this 40 year old ship. This attitude is shown everyday and has been especially evident during this current patrol.

As the Command Senior Chief, I plan to over the coming months work in concert with the CPO Mess, to make the crew's tour on board CGC Boutwell one they will always remember as being one of their best. I plan on doing this by giving them the tools and resources required for them to grow both professionally in their job and in dealing with personal life issues. Providing them with advancement and leadership opportunities so they are prepared for the next challenge in their Coast Guard career. Ensuring they are mentally and physically fit so they are ready and able to conduct that next law enforcement boarding. While ensuring there are plenty of morale events such swim calls, flight deck movies, and steel beach days so they can relax after a long week of work.

Robert Stage, FSCS

Command Senior Chief
USCGC Boutwell (WHEC-719)

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. Email: ombudsmanboutwell@yahoo.com, jlwagg2003@yahoo.com, waggoner37@comcast.net

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Hello my name is Heather Stapley and I work with Jennifer Waggoner in the Ombudsman role for the ship. I am excited about the serving in the position and look forward to meeting all of you.

Heather Stapley Ph#: 925-687-2481, Stapley1hc@yahoo.com, Thanks!!

Santa Cruz, Galapagos Islands



Antigua, Guatemala



SHOUT OUTS!

Ryan- I love you and I miss you!! Can't wait to see you! XOXOXOXO

My family: Mom, I miss you!! Dad, hope you are enjoying Georgia and staying out of trouble. Siera and Hannah, hope you are enjoying cheerleading! Amanda-give Alyssa and Adria a kiss for me.. Stefanie-I know school sucks but you are a SENIOR this year!!! Jon-good luck in boot camp, I know that you will make me proud! Klay, are you still building me that boat so you can come see me? Davy- too little to read this but behave for mommy!!! Love you all & I miss you!

Tehra

To my family and friends, I miss you & love you. I'll be home soon.

Beth

Hello to my mom, dad and big bro - Benji

M- Be strong, like bull!! -B

Denise, thanks for the wonderful 11 years. Love you and miss you.

Happy Anniversary!

Ray

To my family and friends, I miss you & love you. I'll be home soon.

Beth

Hello to my mom, dad and big bro - Benji

M- Be strong, like bull!! -B

Hello Derrick,

Hope you are getting settled into your TDY station. Email me.

Bert

SHOUT OUTS!

Shae & Angel,

We are over a 1/3 of the way there. I miss you two so much. I love you.

Steve

Happy Birthday Mom!

Love Kate

Wally, Chris and Lou,

Is Wally's Tavern still open?

Save some beer for me!

See you guys soon.

GO PATS!!!

-Sully

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

Neng and Nanay, *congrtas* for passing the interview. Jessie, good luck in school

I know you'd do good.

Love Noel

Hey mom. How are things? I Miss you all!

David

"Hey Mom, Dad and Alex. I hope all is going good and that busy season goes well.

Love lots and miss ya! - Chris"

Hi mom and dad. I love you all and can't wait to see you!

Lata. ~Dee Dee

Nicole

Miss you lots. Love you and cant wait to see you.

Tommy

Hello Phoebe,

Miss and love you. Can't wait to see you.

Mel

Ryan, I love you and miss you bunches!

I can't wait to come home 2 you!
XOXOX

Love, Laura

Hi Andrea, I miss you babe, luv ya, Hubby

Paige & Avery,

Miss you both so much!

Put a candle in the window for me.

Be home soon.

Keep dinner warm for me honey!

Love,

Craig/Dad

Hey Mom, Dad, Ria and Mikey!

Hope everythings awesome at home!

I miss you guys!

Can't wait to see you all in a few months!

Mikey - Have a safe trip home from Iraq.

See you this Christmas!

Ria - Congrats on your new job!

Lies B.

"Booger, Belle, Bug, Bear, & Bean, I miss you and love you all very much - Daddio"

"Here's your shout out....love you ;)"

Cole

TRAVIS AND ANDREW I MISS YOU BOTH VERY MUCH AND I CANT WAIT TO SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER.

JEN: LOVE YOU FOR KEEPING EVERYTHING AFLOAT ON THE HOME FRONT AND ILL SEE YOU SOON.

LOVE AND MISS YOU ALL

SCOTT

Hi everyone at home I love and miss you more then words can say.

Love Cliff, Daddy

"Hey Hilton, hope you're having a good time at Tahoe in the summer time!"

From your brother, Hunter

Hey Heather, tell the kids I miss them and can't wait to see you all.

Love J.C.

To my Three Nieces I Love You and Miss You.

Love Uncle Jerry

Ashley,

Have fun this semester at Evangel and enjoy life. Look forward to seeing you in December.

Love,

Dad

To My Wife Jolene

You are the heart I call home.

Mario G

Hey Mom, Seanan, Butter, Bruiser, Mike, Hooper, Aemon. Miss ya

Sean

Wife and Daughter :

I miss you guys hope you are doing well

I think about you all the time

Miss you Kenzie butt

Miss you Angel

Love Bubs

Hello Tina, Lil' Man, and Pepper!

Love and miss you guys.

Jason