

# Welcome to USCGC Boutwell

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Greetings Fred's Place members and readers,



**Captain Peter J. Brown**

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, BOUTWELL now has an aviation detachment (AVDET) consisting of 2 pilots, one aviation crewmember/gunner, and a civilian aircraft maintenance specialist. These new shipmates, from HITRON Jacksonville, have already proven their operational expertise and value by stopping 2 drug-trafficking speedboats (we call them "go-fasts") in their first 10 days on board. In the first case, the helicopter detected a high-speed vessel just moments after taking off for a patrol. Shortly after taking off, the helo spotted a suspect go-fast and vectored in one of BOUTWELL's small boats. When the small boat arrived on scene and conducted a boarding, the boarding team found over a hundred bales of cocaine on the go-fast. In the second case just a few days later, a fixed-wing aircraft first detected a northbound go-fast, which BOUTWELL had to chase for several hours at high speed in order to get close enough to launch the helicopter. This time, the smuggling crew dumped the drugs overboard and then they jumped overboard themselves! But, the helicopter had the video camera rolling to capture the evidence. The helo then vectored BOUTWELL and our boats to the scene where we picked up 5 drug smugglers and over 20 bales of cocaine. The professionalism and teamwork of the AVDET, BOUTWELL's crew, and shoreside support personnel has been superb and will hopefully result in more successful cases in the future.

*CAPT Peter J. Brown*  
Commanding Officer  
USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719)

**Underway in the EastPac . . .**

**GREETINGS FROM THE SUPPORT DEPT**  
**By CWO Joel Moore, Support Dept Head**

Hello friends, family and fellow shipmates! I wanted to drop you a line from the world of “The Glue”, or “Gum ” if you prefer because in a nutshell, we keep it all together! The Support Department on BOUTWELL is made up of four divisions: Supply, Medical, Admin and Food Service. While the Engineering Department is responsible for keeping the ship running, we are responsible for keeping the crew firing on all cylinders by ensuring that they have proper medical care, an adequate diet, a paycheck and the tools to do their jobs! Here’s a quick run-down by division:

**Food Service Division:**

The FS Division shoulders the tireless responsibility of ensuring quality cuisine is provided not only for the crew, but for our distinguished guests (read: detainees) we seem to host on a regular basis here in the EPAC. The FS division is a self sustaining shop (with some help from the engineers) maintaining our own budget, inventory, break-outs, food preparation and division administration. With a workforce of 10 permanent personnel the FS’s are responsible for the cleanliness of one third of the common spaces found onboard BOUTWELL. A real Mira pox of skills, ideas and experience come together to ensure high quality meals are served four times a day. Within the division is our new FSO, FSCS Robert Stage who has been laying the groundwork for BOUTWELL to take home galley of the year in 2007; FS1 Edward “Gravyhands” Csech, who can be found nearly everywhere at once tending to everything FS; FS2 Devon May recently reported from Activities New York and has consistently proven that her exquisite baking skills are a very real impediment to staying within the CG’s weight standards; FS3 Kevin Dixon is our JOD and maintains some of the cleanest food storage areas I’ve seen while at the same time flawlessly managing a \$130k inventory as easily as if he were just blinking his eyes; FS3 Kevin Bernier consistently takes pride in the product he puts out, and looks good doing it thanks to his penchant for physical fitness; FS3 Andrew Wellemeyer as the CGDF MAA is responsible for much of the sanitation and cleaning noted above, while simultaneously qualifying as a helicopter tie-down crew member; FS3 Johnny Jones is doing such a great job as the Commanding Officer’s and ward-room FS that it’s hard to hold the fact that he used to be in the Navy against him; and FS3 Craig McNaughton & SNFS Errol Vanzie are brand new to the BOUTWELL and the CG, but are learning fast and challenging the other FS’s to raise the bar.



**Food Service Division:**

(Left to Right) FS3 Dixon, FS3 McNaughton, FS3 Bernier, FS2 May, FS3 Jones, FS3 Wellemeyer, FS1 Csech, FSCS Stage, and SNFS Vanzie.

**Medical Division**

Clearly the best looking division on the ship! Although we have only two corpsmen on board, what they lack in sheer numbers they easily make up for in rugged handsomeness. HS3 Curtis Munsey is a fairly new crewmember that has made an immediate impact by providing outstanding medical training and care to the crew. He recently reported from the Honor Guard in Alexandria, VA via HS “A” school in Petaluma, CA. HSC Ray Funke has been busy replenishing outdated medical stock and ensuring that BOUTWELL’s crew is at the highest level of medical and dental readiness in over 3 years. Chief Funke and HS3 Munsey also form the foundation for our Medical Training Team on board and they are responsible for ensuring crewmembers have the tools and knowledge to correctly respond to emergency medical situations. Like for instance if someone were to cut off a portion of their finger in a dog on a water tight door! Thanks again for finding my finger Chief!

**GREETINGS FROM THE SUPPORT DEPT**  
By CWO Joel Moore, Support Dept Head (cont)

**Admin Division**

Behind the scenes, getting people paid, moving people in and out of various third world countries, putting out the plan (proposal) of the day, processing travel claims, securing emergency travel order numbers, preparing awards for presentation, manning damage control central, administering the ships travel charge card program and providing the crew with sage counsel on how to apply for "A" school, how to obtain a reenlistment bonus, and how to verify their personal data extract so that they can take a servicewide and advance!!! Whew! That was a long sentence (if it even qualified as a sentence that is). But hey, that's what these guys do and they do it well. Led by the well mannered Chief Craig Sullivan, these guys in the ship's office keep our crew in a narco-terrorism fighting frame of mind. YN2 Trevor Vowels has the ability to work over the PMIS/JUMPS database like a lump of Play-doh and does so without shame. Our newly added TDY guy YN2 Gardner Graham (from MLC Pacific), has fit in nicely and continues to contribute greatly to the BOUTWELL's "Center for Administrative Excellence!"



**Medical, Admin, and Supply Division:**

(Left to Right) , YN2 Graham, YN2 Vowels, SK1 Smith, YNC Sullivan, SK2 Maduro, HSC Funke, CWO2 Moore, HS3 Munsey, SKC Davis, and SK2 Krugg.

**Supply Division**

Ahhh! The soothing beacon of stewardship shines brightly in compartment 1-179-2-Q, aka the Supply Office. SKC Rob Davis and his merry band of tactical supply ninjas have been busy spending down ship's funds in anticipation of the fiscal year closeout. The SK's have been able to responsibly spend almost a quarter million dollars in the last 10 days alone, enabling BOUTWELL to be well prepared for the inevitable operational challenges that lay ahead next fiscal year. The Supply division has also conducted a complete accountability of general purpose property and Operating Materials & Supplies (spare parts) during this patrol to ensure we are in compliance with the Chief Financial Officers Act for 2007. SK1 Mike Smith is at the forefront of the battle with FPD to GO, and continues to wage a reconciliation war of epic proportions and has vowed to not rest until all TNYOP's and PES errors are put in their rightful place. SK2 James Maduro and SK2 Randall Krug have been processing procurement requests rapidly and with a certain amount of gusto so we can meet our end of the year requirements. They also made up most of the count team for our Statistical Random Sample Inventory that we conducted earlier this month.

**HITRON**

HITRON is America's first and only airborne law enforcement unit trained and authorized to employ Airborne Use of Force or AUF. Initially tasked with interdicting and stopping suspected drug-laden, high-speed vessels known as "go-fasts," HITRON's mission was expanded to include Maritime Homeland Security, and the unit now has a key role on the front lines of America's war on drugs and terrorism. HITRON aircrews routinely deploy aboard U.S. Coast Guard cutters patrolling the high seas to stem the tide of illegal drugs flowing into the United States. Sting Ray aircrews interdict go-fast smuggling vessels, using incremental steps to compel the vessel to stop. Ultimately, if the vessel refuses to comply, Sting Ray crews are authorized to disable the vessel's engines with gunfire. Since employing the Sting Ray, HITRON aircrews have successfully interdicted over 30 tons of illegal drugs valued at more than \$2.1 billion.



## SCATS??

A SCATS (Ships' Canned Training Scenarios) is an exercise for the ships crew to practice BOUTWELL's Warfighting Postures. Usually during these drills, Boutwell sets General Quarters Condition 3(GQ3), where the crew is divided up into two sections, standing watch at their assigned position on the ship for 6 hours, then sleeping for six hours while the other half stands watch. This posture gives BOUTWELL a manned and ready status 24 hours a day, to respond to any emergency immediately, when the threat of attack is moderate. Usually Boutwell spends most of Her time in GQ3 status during a heightened threat. When the immediate threat of attack is present, Boutwell sets GQ1, where all hands are on deck, manned and ready at every Repair Locker, Battle Dress Station, Gun Mounts and Damage Control Central, where We are ready to respond at a moments notice to any attack, structural damage, or any sort of casualty be it mechanical, electronic, or human. Most drills end up with the Crew tired, yet standing tall with pride knowing that we CAN Save Our Ship. Others go on to practice a complete loss, to the point of abandoning ship.

-ITZ Rosen



FN Garcia dressed out.



FN Iverson and SN Garibay



Fire Team enters a space.



Damage Control Central



HSC Funke (DC Training Team )

## OMBUDSMAN CORNER

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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.

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## Morale Poker Tournament

On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> BOUTWELL had a morale poker tournament for the crew. The Coast Guard has strict rules against gambling, so the game was bragging rights and a gift certificate only. Leading into the game there was a significant amount of preemptive bragging taking place, but in the end, only FN Pacheco's is justified. FN Pacheco took a commanding lead early, building a tall stack of chips and blowing through opponents. An honorable mention is due to ET3 Rodriguez, SN Klemencic, SN Brown, ET3 Ramirez, and ENS Morgan for making it to the last of 8 tables.



FN Pacheco

## SHOUT OUTS!

[NESU Rocks](#), [MK2 Landry](#)

A big hello from afar to my wonderful family, Andrea, Arianna, Edward & Evan. I miss you guys a lot and I can't wait to see you again.

I love ya, Dad/Hubby

[Hello to the TWINS I love you guys and miss you, Cousin Jerry](#)

Ryan,

I love you baby! Half way there!

Love,

Laura

[Hey Crystal and John looking forward to your visit this Christmas. Hope we can go and find some snow.](#)

[Love Daddy](#)

Shae and Angel,

We are halfway there. I love you two so much. I miss you and I'll see you soon. XXXOOO. Steve

[Hi Mom and Pop! Tell Jack good luck for me, and give Dug a hug. I love you all! -Dee Dee](#)

Neng, Nanay and Jessie

We are halfway home. I love and miss you guys a lot.

Talk you soon.

Love,

Noel

Paige,

Not quite what we had in mind for our wedding anniversary.

You are the perfect wife and an even better mother.

I love you and will see you soon.

Happy Anniversary,

Craig

[Hello Nobue, Nicholas, and Alexander love and miss you all very much.](#)

[Me](#)