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MISSION UPDATE

USCGC BOUTWELL recently surpassed a very important milestone on this current Eastern Pacific patrol—the midway point. BOUTWELL and her crew continue to stand a vigilant watch against dangerous narcotics making their way towards the distant shores of America. The weary crew dreams of the day that the lines are once again thrown over in Alameda, CA, signaling the end to another successful deployment for the High Endurance Cutter known throughout the Coast Guard as “The Best in the West.”

From an operational standpoint, this patrol stands out as one of the most successful in BOUTWELL's nearly 40 year history. Over 450 bales of cocaine (that's over 11 tons) have been confiscated. Only recently did BOUTWELL transfer 9 detainees that had been held onboard in connection with the trafficking of cocaine throughout the eastern Pacific. Those who don't know better may look at the success thus far on the trip as mediocre, but the dollar amount of the cocaine captured to date measures more than \$500,000,000 in street value. No small feat for a small white speck on the vast blue sea.

To be this successful, BOUTWELL has used up her fair share of resources. Here are a few:

- 328,516 gallons of fuel 30,780 meals served including 4,000 pounds of chicken
- 8,800 pounds of beef 1,540 pounds of pork 880 pounds of lettuce



What does the rest of the patrol hold in store for WHEC-719? Only time will tell. Stay tuned to this newsletter for the latest information, and rest assured that the dedicated men and women of USCGC BOUTWELL are underway proudly representing the Shield of Freedom.

Greetings Fred's Place members and readers,



Captain Peter J. Brown

Last week BOUTWELL crew members enjoyed a well deserved mid-patrol break in Balboa, Panama. Balboa is the principal Pacific sea port of Panama and is also the Pacific end of the Panama Canal. Nearby is the capital, Panama City, which is a major business and financial center for the western hemisphere. The canal itself was built in the early 20th century and remains both an engineering marvel and major commercial shipping route. While in Panama, BOUTWELL crew members enjoyed recreational activities such as hiking and mountain biking as well as tours of the Panama Canal, visits to local shopping centers and restaurants, and those all-important phone calls home. We said goodbye to several departing shipmates and welcomed nearly a dozen new crew members. Those new crew members are already learning their way around the ship and will be key contributors to the second half of our patrol. Log on next week to read about our latest adventures.

Semper Paratus,

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

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

GREETINGS FROM THE OPERATIONS DEPT

The Operations Department, led by LT David Unger, is responsible for a wide variety of tasks that ensure CGC Boutwell can carry out the missions which she is assigned. There are five main divisions within the Operations Department. They are; Combat, Radio, Gunnery, Electronics, and Law Enforcement. Operational Specialists make up the Combat and Radio divisions. Gunner Mates make up the Gunnery division. Electronics division consist of both Information Technicians and Electronic Technicians. And finally, the Law Enforcement division is a blend of volunteers from various rates, specifically trained to enforce U.S and International laws. We will bring you more specifics of each division within this newsletter and following newsletters.

ELECTRONICS DIVISION

Good day to all, I am CWO2 Anthony J. DePaolo Jr., Electronics Division Officer for CGC BOUTWELL. The Electronics Division is comprised of three entities; Electronics Technicians (ET's) for Traditional navigation and communication equipment, ET's for our on-board Weapon system and the Information Technology Technicians (IT's).

The traditional ET's are responsible for the maintenance and repair of navigation equipment to include and Air and Surface search Radar's, GPS and LORAN navigation gear and also specialized equipment that help us work with the Navy during routine deployments or if required to by order of the President in time of war. Additionally the traditional ET's maintain various communication radio's gear that allow the ship to communicate via High, Very High and Ultra High frequency radio communication over both airwave and satellites.

Our IT's maintain and repair several onboard networked computer systems, Local area Networks and shipboard public address system otherwise known as the 1-MC. They also are responsible for the phone system, satellite telephone system, and interconnectivity between the ship and shore facilities when in port and underway.

CGC BOUTWELL's weapons ET's maintain and repair the fire control systems onboard. Specifically they maintain and operate the MK-92 Fire Control System which controls the 76MM deck gun. This is capable of firing a round at an air or surface target from 100 yards out to over 8 nautical miles. They also spend a majority of their time maintaining the Close in Weapons System which is a 20MM, M61 gatling gun that can fire up to 4500 rounds per minute at incoming aircraft and missiles.

Most importantly the Electronics division is made up of 15 dedicated crewmembers that work at providing internet access, communications and navigation along with defensive measures to keep BOUTWELL crewmembers happy with anything from internet email to crew safety while transiting the hazards that can be encountered be it rocks or rockets.



Electronics crew consists of (from left top) ET3 Hawks, ET3 Ramirez, ET3 Farmer, and ET3 Rodriguez.

(from left next level down) ET2 Wallace, ET3 Ratchford, and ET2 Lyell. (from left standing) CWO2 Depaolo, ETC Lock, IT1 Green, ET1 Livingston, ETC Cates, IT2 Rosen, ET2 Gessner, ET2 Ater, and ET1 Climacosa.

**GREETINGS FROM THE OPERATIONS DEPT
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GUNNERY DIVISION

Hello, I am ENS Ryan R. Ramos, the Gunnery Division Officer for CGC BOUTWELL. The Gunnery Division is comprised of six Gunner's Mates who are responsible for operating, maintaining, and repairing nearly all the weapons systems onboard. These members are very skilled in their profession and operate weapons such as the 76mm airborne target defense system, the 25mm machine gun, the .50 caliber machine gun, the Super Rapid Blooming Off board Chaff Launching System (missile defense system), and various other small arms.

The Gunnery Division is also responsible for training the crew of BOUTWELL in the use of pyrotechnics, which are used for both emergencies and law enforcement. Because of their weapon expertise, they play a major role in the U.S. Coast Guards law enforcement mission. But most importantly, the Gunnery Division keeps BOUTWELL's crewmembers safe by insuring all the defense systems onboard are working and always ready!



(Pictured from left to right) GM3 Jackson, GM1 Mantopoulos, GM1 Oatman, GMC Bishop, and ENS Ramos.

NEW CREWMEMBERS	RETURNING FROM TAD	HOLIDAY PARTY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC Randolph • EMC Miller (TAD from MLCPAC) • OS3 Peeler • SNOS Weelmaa • FNEM Bello • SN White • FN Breese • SN Agundez • SN Manion • SN Whitehead • SN Custer • SN Arambula 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM1 Hinson • DC2 Green • SN Pitts • FN Rowland 	<p>BOUTWELL'S Morale Committee is in the early stages of planning a holiday party. Time frame will be early December. We will provide more information, as it comes available.</p> <p align="right"><i>HSC R. Funke</i></p>
	<p align="center">RECENTLY DEPARTED</p>	<p>BOUTWELL has been graced with some extra crew members. For a few days they have been either riding or flying along with us. A few in the crew have even made friends.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTJG Allegretti • DCC Healy (now CWO Healy) . <p>Good Luck on your new assignments!</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p align="center">BM3 Tedeschi and friend.</p>

Phalanx CIWS Gunshoot!

A few days ago, Boutwell held an gunshoot for training onboard. Though weather conditions were not the greatest, light rain, all test were successful. Here is a quick definition freely found online (there is more at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phalanx_CIWS):

From [Wikipedia](#), the free encyclopedia

The **Phalanx CIWS** ([Close-in weapon system](#), pronounced see-wiz) is an [anti-missile](#) system that was designed and manufactured by the [General Dynamics Corporation](#), Pomona Division. It is now manufactured by the [Raytheon](#) Company. It is used by the [United States Navy](#) on every class of surface combat ship in its fleet and is used by navies of over twenty allied nations. Because of its distinctive barrel-shaped radome, Phalanx CIWS units are sometimes nicknamed [R2-D2s](#), after the famous [droid](#) from [Star Wars](#).

The basis of the system is a 20 mm [M61 Vulcan gatling gun](#) linked to a radar system for acquiring and tracking targets. The gun fires at a variable 4,500 rounds per minute (hydraulic models only fired 3,000 rounds per minute): it is mounted in a self-contained turret along with an automated [fire control system](#). The system automatically searches, detects, tracks, engages and confirms kills using its computer-controlled radar system.

1000 Rounds



in!



1000 Rounds



OUT!



PANAMA CITY

DOWNTOWN STREET



CITY BUS



VENUTO HOTEL AND CASINO



ETC CATES, OVERLOOKING PANAMA CITY



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!!

SHOUT OUTS!

Jon Paul, Happy 35th Birthday
Baby Brother....

Tony

Ribs, Mouz and Beans,

Almost done! Erin, I miss your smiling blue eyes and your second toe over from the middle (you know it's my favorite).

Trent, I wanna see some cool Tony Hawk tricks when I get back.

And of course Jacy, thanks for running the house while I've been gone. I understand you're keeping Mom in check. At least one of us has that going for us!!!

Love you guys,

Joel aka Daddy

To my Wife and Daughter:

Kristina and Kenzie I miss you guys so much not too much longer and daddy will be home. Angel I'm so proud of you, you are doing such a great job.

Love Craig

To my Dad:

Thank you Dad for everything. I miss you a whole bunch and can't wait to see you for the holidays. I love you so much Buddy.

Love your son

Craig

Hi baby, just letting you know I love you all and miss you give my love to boo-boo and the rat. PS be home soon. Love Andy

A Big Hello from afar to Arianna, Edward & Evan and a big I Love You to my wife, Andrea. I miss you guys. Dad

Only 34 days to go I love and miss you all so very much.

Love Daddy (Clifford)

Neng and Jessie, I love you very much and I miss you guys more than you can imagine.

Love,

Boss/Daddy

P.S. Chief's Mess says "Can't wait for Lumpia"!

Hey Denise, Nicholas, and Noah. I love and miss you very much. Be home soon.

Love

Daddy

"Hey Y'all, Thanks for the birthday wishes and sorry I haven't been able to call. I will try to next chance I get. Love you guys lots and see you soon! -Chris"

Ryan, I love you and can't wait to come home! XOXO

My family, I miss you all so much! Love, hugs, and kisses to everyone!

Happy Birthday Aunt Lindy! & Happy Retirement JC!

Love,

Laura

Hey there Syntha, Jade and Sinjin I miss you and I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Love DAD

Ps I love you more

Hi Beth Ann,

Past halfway, See you soon!

Love you, Miss you

Bill

Tammy, Brooke, and Jake. I love and miss all of you very much. Kenny/Daddy

"Counting down to Thanksgiving at home. Happy Birthday Andy! "

Love, Kelly

Hey sweetie and mom,

I miss you both and I love you both. Hope you are being safe and good. I can't wait to see you both again. I love you both. Thank you for believing in me. I love you.

Joe

Paige,

Miss you so much. Tell Lana I said hello. Give her a big hug and kiss for me. I think of her often. See you both real soon. I love you.

Craig

Hello to my family. Mom, Donny, Kosta (even though you probably wont see this), Yia Yia, Nicole and all the others hello from the middle of the ocean. Hope all is well I miss and Love you all. Tommy

Hey Crystal and John Good luck in your soccer season.

Love Dad

Hello Phoebe,

Missing you lots. Can't wait to see you! Hope all of your lil ones are still swimming and playing nice.

Love You, Mel

Hello Mom, Tony, Kevin & Ungela, Joyce & Dwight, Derrick & Martine, Dionne & Ivan, and all of my nieces and nephews. Miss you all! Looking forward to seeing most of you on Thanksgivings.

Love Bert