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Abandon Vessel: No Match for BOUTWELL

The day was Sunday 18 March. The seas were calm and the fish were bitin'. It was another wonderful holiday routine day. Then it happened. Boutwell and her crew of sea going warriors came upon a vessel abandoned and adrift. It was deemed by the Captain P. J. Brown to be a worthy adversary for Boutwell's fierce Gunner's Mates and their trusty 25mm Machine Gun. They were given the word that they would be sinking the vessel as a danger to navigation. At the word of the Gunnery Officer Ensign R. R. Ramos GM1 Tommy Mantopoulos, GM3 Phillip Kahl, GM3 Dan Jackson, and SN Conserva (A future Gunner's Mate) loaded their weapon and made her ready for battle. GM3 Kahl fired the first shots and created significant damage to ship. Up next GM3 Jackson added to carnage with another volley of well placed shots. GM1 Mantopoulos finished off the vessel with the remainder of the ammunition. All told there were 167 rounds fired and another vessel was sent to the depths as a gift to Davie Jones.



~GM1 Tommy Mantopoulos

Hello again Fred's Place Members and Readers,

BOUTWELL has been on patrol for most of the past three weeks, with a 3 day stop in Callao, Peru for fuel, food, and fun. Callao is the port city for Lima, the capital of Peru, and together the cities are home to over 8 million people. Many of the crew enjoyed the cultural and historical sights of the Incan, Spanish Colonial, and independent periods of Peruvian history. Our boarding teams also shared their knowledge and experiences with members of the Peruvian Coast Guard. Back underway, with our Air Station Port Angeles helicopter embarked, we continue to search the ocean for suspicious vessels, but we haven't had the kind of luck that we had last patrol, yet. Our sister ships SHERMAN and HAMILTON teamed up last week for a record-setting seizure of almost 20 tons of cocaine, congratulations to them! We know there's still plenty of business out here for us, and BOUTWELL will continue to patrol diligently. In the meantime, many of us are using the underway time to work on our physical fitness. HSC Ray Funke has inspired many of the chiefs, officers, and crew to join him for his daily "Fit Deck" circuit training workout. ENS Morgan and LTJG Koch have also started a math class to prepare interested crewmembers for the "CLEP" test for college credit, and we're planning for additional college-level classes both inport and during our next patrol.



Captain Peter J. Brown

With warm regards,

CAPT Peter J. Brown

Commanding Officer

USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719)

Underway in the EastPac . . .

Underway Fitness

At any given hour you can hear it.

Sometimes the music gives it away. Other times it's the weights being tossed around. But no matter what gives it away you can't miss it. It's the sound of the underway fitness craze overtaking BOUTWELL. And the current South Patrol is no exception.

In the morning the gym is packed with the early risers. The dreary eyed just out of bed crew take to the pain with timed dedication. And if you happen to be on their favorite machine when they get there they'll likely get up 30 minutes before you and have it back tomorrow. It's hot and the sweat flows freely. Undesirable? Probably. But for some it's the best possible outlet for stress on such a lengthy patrol.

Lunch or early evening finds another band of deck warriors hitting the hot non-skid for "Fit-Deck," an hour long marathon of running, pushing, stretching, and even more sweating than in the gym. Few who start the hour find themselves exchanging the respectful nods at the end. But there's always tomorrow.

In 20 man deck a stack of playing cards sit between two or more push-up fanatics. Numbered cards are self explanatory. Face cards are good for 10, Aces a solid 20, and a Joker buys your opponents two cards combined. It's the push-up challenge, and the cards keep turning until somebody taps.

Of course the cabin fever fitness frenzy won't end there. Rumor has it that Boutwell is set to document fitness "Record Holders." Willing participants will have the opportunity to compete to put their name up in the "Boutwell Fitness Hall Of Fame" in such categories as bench press, push-ups, sit-ups, and pull ups to name a few. What will that mean for the already heightened fitness craze?

Who knows? But at any given hour onboard...you'll hear it.

~SN Joe Klemencic



Ship's Store and Barber Shop

It happens to the best of us, in the hectic pre-underway days, everyone leaves something at home, whether it is a tube of toothpaste or extra razors. Once the ship sets sail it becomes painfully obvious what has been forgotten and a simple run to the corner store just isn't possible. This might seem like a big problem, but BOUTWELL comes to the rescue. Run by GM1 Tommy Mantopoulos, the BOUTWELL ships store has those little commodities to get the forgetful sailor through the patrol. In addition to the ships store, BOUTWELL also has a barber shop to ensure everyone's hair stays neat, tidy, and within regulations. MK3 Catherine Kavanaugh and ET3 Sean Biefus both volunteered to attend an arduous Navy Barber School. Using their newly acquired expertise they are able perform skillful strokes with the clippers and allow their shipmates to enjoy clean, crisp haircuts while underway. The ship store and barber shop are just two examples of how BOUTWELL keeps her crew as comfortable as possible. Although the ship's store is no Bloomingdale's and the barber shop no SuperCuts, they both play vital rolls in keeping the crew happy and looking good.

~SNBM Chris Peacock



GM1 Tommy Mantopoulos takes SNBM Harris's order

SHOUT OUTS!

Ryan,

I can't wait to see you honey!

Only a month to go!

Give the family my love!

Mmmmwah!

Laura

Hi Andrea, hope all is well

on the beach, I miss ya and

can't wait to see you again!

Tell the three little ones dad

misses them. Luv ya, Hubby

I would like to send a "shot out" to

Mrs. Brandon Duffer. Only those of

us that have kissed a 1 week old child good

bye at the airport know what it is like, and

only a woman like you would know what it

is like to return to the empty house. Be-

cause of your courage and sacrifice,

BML2 is able to focus on his job. Con-

gratulations on your baby BM.

Thank you,

"A Boutwell Dad"

Home Stretch now, Keep that chin up, KTF = Love You!

"Hello CB. I miss you and can hardly wait to see you again.

Hang in there, Nikea"

Hey Mom, Dad, Tyler, and Nicole!!!!

I miss ya'll. Tyler and Nicole good luck

With tryouts I know ya'll can do it!!

Sheena I will see you on the pier!!

I love ya'll

Chris

SHOUT OUTS!

Hi Juana, I'm missing you more each day, but I'll be home real soon, can't wait to see you again.
J

Staci,
Thank you for supporting me. You are truly a wonderful person. I am blessed to have you in my life. Take care of the kids and I'll see you soon. Love ya.

Hey Shae and Angel;
I miss you two. I'll see you soon. I love you.
Steve

Happy Birthday Patrick..
39 is not as bad as 40, trust me
Happy Birthday Dad...
67, wooo

Austin and Alexis,
Daddy 's almost done working. Hope your 're having fun playing with mom. Be good. Daddy will bring you home some Peru and Panama candy. Love ya.
Randall

Hi baby, we are over half way now. I love you and miss you. Give my love to Boo-Boo and Woody.
Love Andy /Daddy

Love you all

Tony

Weicy, 17 years ago wow!
Love Anthony

Sweetheart,
Thank you for believing in me and never forget how much I love you. I can't wait to see you and hold you and love you. Be safe and I will see you before you know it.

"Hey Y'all,
Just thought I would drop a line, see how things are goin. See you soon! Lots of Love to everyone! "
- Chris

Hey Denise, Nicholas and Noah, I love and miss you all a lot. Be home soon.
Love

I love you.
Mr. Sweety

Travis and Andrew Waggoner I Love and Miss you both, keep hanging in there boys.
Love Dad

Ray /Daddy

OMBUDSMAN CORNER

Hello my name is Heather Stapley and I am filling 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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