

In Port 2015
SUMMER 2015
BRINGS A LARGE
SHIFT TO ALEX
HALEY



CEREMONIES



**MAINTENANCE,
REPAIRS AND
TRAINING**



AVSTAN

THE BULLDOG



Pictured: DC3 Kenley Zylawy

Photo By EM3 Connor McCormack

From The Commanding Officer

Greetings, "Bulldogs", Family, and Friends,

I am privileged and honored to be the eleventh Commanding Officer of CGC ALEX HALEY. I continue to be impressed by the ship and even more by the exceptional crew. As with any transfer season, we have said our farewells to shipmates and families who have moved on to other units, and we have also welcomed several new crewmembers and families.

I would like to thank CDR and Mrs. White, along with others who departed this summer; their service and leadership over the past couple years has established a strong foundation to set this current crew up for future success. Despite a significant crew turnover this summer, we have all come together to help each other, adapt and overcome challenges, and effectively prepare for this patrol, including successfully completing a shakedown cruise and Aviation Standardization visit to recertify our flight deck crews.

Also, I wanted to welcome aboard all the crewmembers and families who have reported this summer; you have joined the close Bulldog family and I look forward to meeting everyone over the next two years and getting to know each of you better through morale events and other activities. Without your continued support, we could not be out on deployment doing the mission.

Finally, I would like to thank OS3 Jesse Kristofferson for stepping up to fill the large shoes that OS3 Dale Arnould left. It is a huge undertaking to create and publish the newsletter on a routine basis; I applaud his dedication in helping to keep our shipmates, this unit, and our families connected. I strongly encourage everyone, family members, friends, and crewmembers alike, to contribute to "The Bulldog" newsletter in order to continue keeping us all informed and connected as much as possible.

Best Regards,



CDR Seth J. Denning
Commanding Officer
USCGC ALEX HALEY
(WMEC 39)
"Bulldog of the Bering"

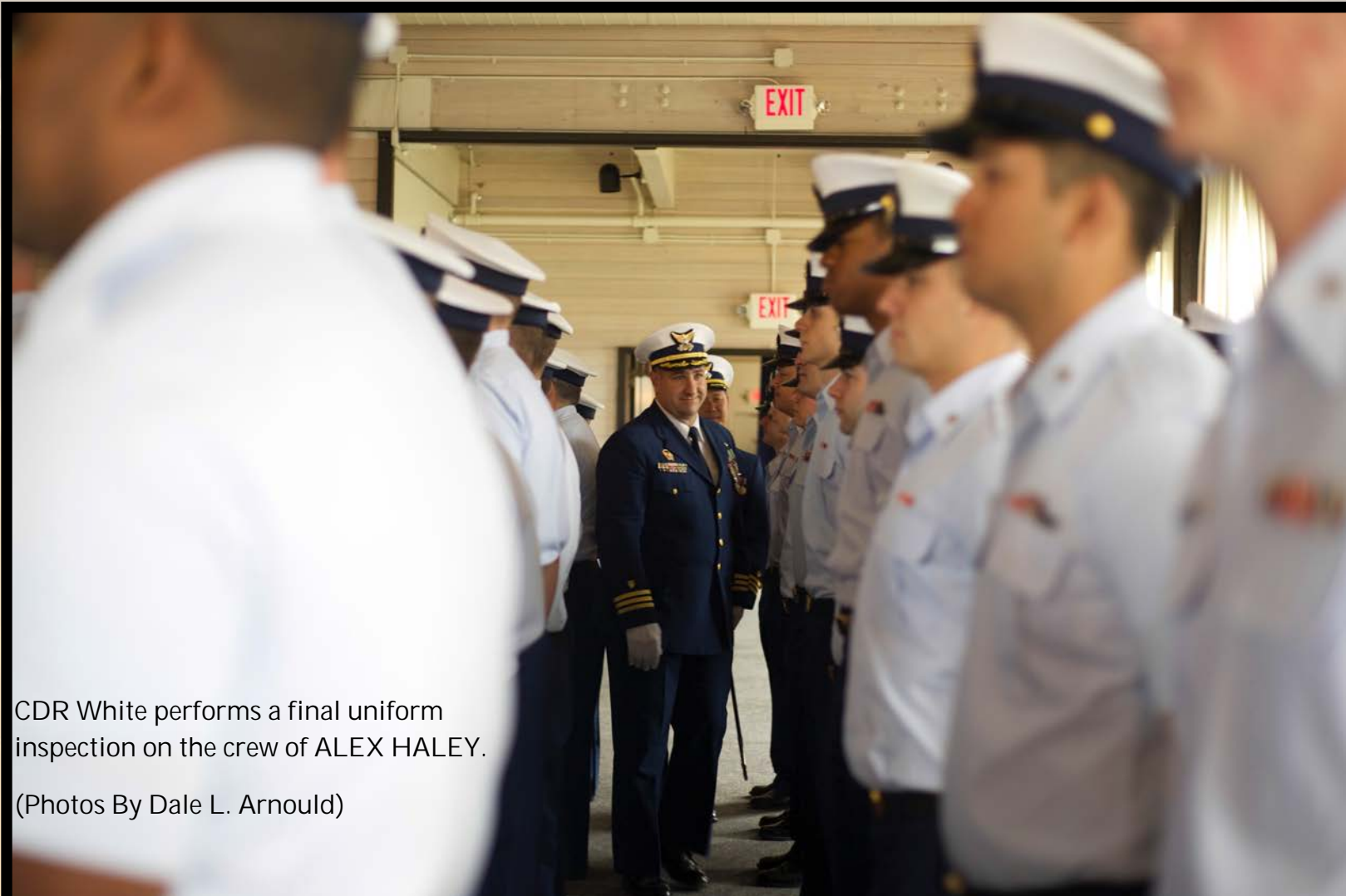


CDR DENNING



CDR Denning comes to us from CGC MELLON, (home ported in Seattle, WA,) where he was Executive Officer (XO).

Change Of Command

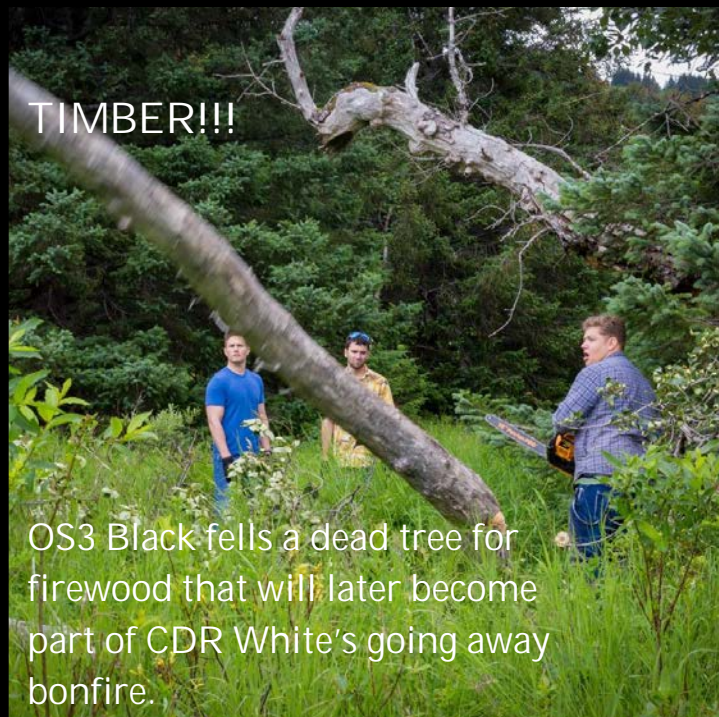


CDR White performs a final uniform inspection on the crew of ALEX HALEY.

(Photos By Dale L. Arnould)



Gratitude to our former CO and Welcome to our new CO!



TIMBER!!!

OS3 Black fells a dead tree for firewood that will later become part of CDR White's going away bonfire.

In Port Work and Training



CWO Locklar guides ALEX HALEY crew members in a main space fire drill.



FN Scott and MK3 Nogueira wrangle shore tie.



SN Lauvray

SN Dyess



SN Garcia



(L to R):
SN Willoughby,
SN Gallagher,
SN Hagans

RETIREMENT CEREMONIES



Above: CWO Thomas Locklar leaves the Coast Guard with pride. Below: EMCS William Koscis shares the happy moment with his family. Photos by Dale L. Arnould.



Retirement ceremonies are a time honored tradition that allows for friends and family to pay tribute to the careers and accomplishments of shipmates as they move into the next stage of their professional lives. This in port, we celebrated the Coast Guard careers of Chief Warrant Officer Thomas Locklar and Senior Chief Petty Officer William Koscis.

CWO Locklar completed over 30 years of service in the United States Coast Guard, during which he completed 20 years of sea service. The Coast Guard took him to ten different cutters, and nearly every port call made in the state of Alaska. His retirement ceremony was held in the Cutterman's Club with family, old shipmates and crew members in attendance.

Senior Chief Koscis served for over 22 years and onboard six cutters. Friends and family were able to take advantage of the rare sunny weather in Kodiak for an outdoor ceremony on the flight deck of ALEX HALEY. Senior Chief paid special tribute to the core and support of his wife and children have given him over the years.

ALEX HALEY wishes both shipmates peaceful and happy retirements!

Written By ENS Kristen Euchler

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A Coast Guard "Dolphin" lifts off at night.
Photo by PA3 Lauren Steenson



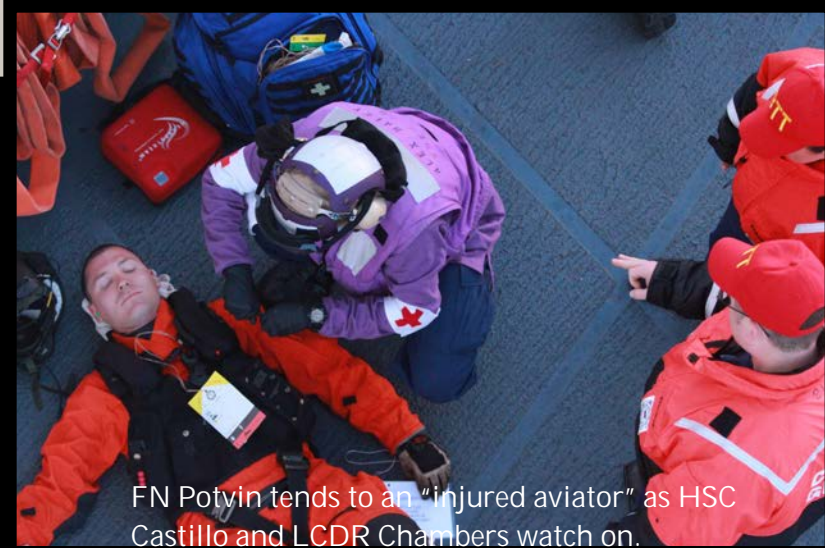
DC3 Rice and MK3 Kline carry a
"wounded" FN McClintock.

AVSTAN, or "Aviation Standardization", is a biennial visit from the team at Aviation Training Center in Mobile, AL. AVSTAN evaluates the cutter's aviation training team to ensure ALEX HALEY is training and operating to fleet standards. Flight deck crew members took knowledge exams and all aviation gear and equipment was inspected. ALEX HALEY conducted training flights with our help from AIR STATION SAN FRANCISCO and performed a Crash On Deck drill, complete with realistic medical and fire team training. Information contributed By LCDR Brian Chambers and EM3 Connor McCormack

AVSTAN (CONTINUED)



EM3 McCormack and MK3 Sandrelli receive guidance from BOS'N Doug Schubert.



FN Potvin tends to an "injured aviator" as HSC Castillo and LCDR Chambers watch on.



Left/Right: Night Ops!
(Night Ops Photos By PA3 Lauren Steenson)



L to R: YN1 Fomby, SK3 Skidmore, SN Neaves



MK1 Lirette and Fire Team



MK3 Nogueira, SN Brown and BM3-Diaz perform a man overboard drill.

BULLDOG CANDIDS



Deck Force at Sunset.



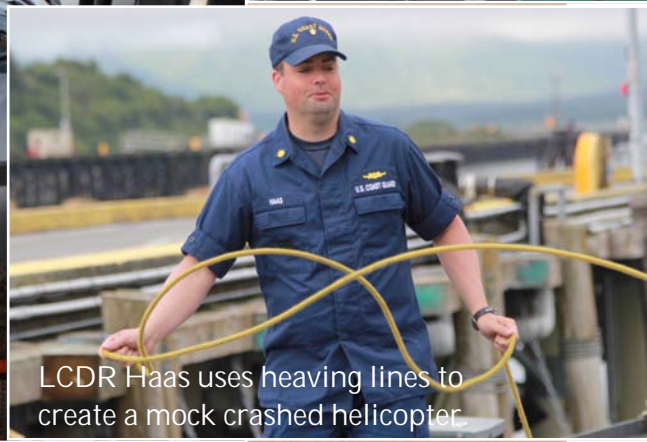
SK3 Skidmore in a "personnel casualty" mask



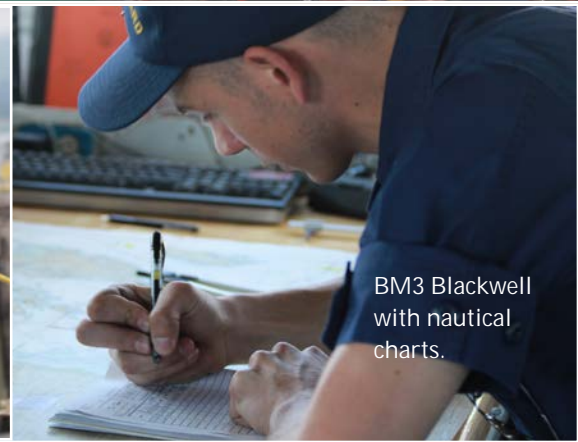
EM2 Fadeley and EM3 McCormack working on the Small Boats as ALEX HALEY leaves Kodiak.



OS3 Black enjoys the Alaska sun!



LCDR Haas uses heaving lines to create a mock crashed helicopter



BM3 Blackwell with nautical charts.

HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN PALOMITA CASTILLO ADVANCES FROM HS1 TO HSC!

Congratulations, Chief Castillo!



HSC Castillo and her Husband, Chris.



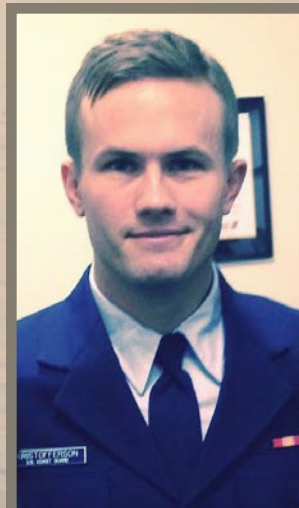
FSC Cleary welcomes HSC Castillo to the Chief family.

"I would like to thank my husband, Chris, as he stayed up every night for a week studying with me, reviewing, and reading through the manuals to help find information, and for his constant encouragement. Also to my best friend Shoawna who was there with us each night as well. I'm grateful for the support of my friends and family throughout the years, and to those who were not able to attend the ceremony. Thank you to the ALEX HALEY Chief's Mess for the support and advice over the past year in preparation for this day. I hope that me advancing to Chief after only 11 years in the coast Guard has motivated others by knowing it can be done". HSC Castillo

A Letter From The Editor

Hello to all family and friends of ALEX HALEY! As you can pretty clearly see, "The Bulldog" has been left to a Coastie without the same flair/visual razzle dazzle as former OS3 and current Film Student Dale LaRue Arnould. This easily explains why he was accepted into a film school in France and I am the one writing you now. Yes, along with the change of our command, we also experienced a drastic change in crew due to transfers and retirements. ALEX HALEY has entered a very new chapter in its history. In the spirit of "New Beginnings", I offer the humble statement that while I unfortunately do not have Dale's talents in the world of photography or page formatting, I do hope to incorporate some engaging and exciting new elements to ALEX HALEY'S Public Affairs program. This includes, but is not limited to, working on getting an ALEX HALEY multi-Social Media presence running, so that families and friends at home may receive the live updates they have become accustomed to while we at ALEX HALEY expand our visibility to a larger audience. Be on the lookout for updates from your Ombudsman, and please send any Coast Guard or ALEX HALEY related questions you have to them as well for the new "Q&A" posts/sections we will be trying to offer "live" (at least as live as our connections permit on patrol). Thank you all for your patience and support during this transitional period in the Bulldog Newsletter's life; I will, in turn, do my best to pick up where my good friend, mentor and shipmate left off.

Respectfully,



OS3 Jesse T. Kristofferson

Assistant Public Affairs Officer/Lead Photographer