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ALEX HALEY Visits Atka, Alaska

story by ENS Kristin Euchler | photos by SN Samuel Brown

In 2006, Coast Guard Cutter STORIS visited Atka and brought several wooden crosses that were mounted as grave markers in the local cemetery. Since then, many of those crosses have become weathered and broken, succumbing to the harsh conditions of the remote Alaskan island. Before leaving Kodiak for patrol, crew members of ALEX HALEY began constructing and painting twenty new crosses and coordinating with Atka town leadership so they could be taken to the island as replacements. On April 21st, ALEX HALEY's embarked helicopter launched from the flight deck, cabin packed with the twenty hand-made crosses, en route for delivery to Atka. The cutter anchored in the bay just outside the town and launched their small boat to deliver a working party of 13 people including the Commanding Officer, Commander Stephen White. The ALEX HALEY crew members wasted no time getting their hands dirty pulling out the old crosses and replacing them with the new ones. The crew members thoroughly enjoyed their opportunity to make this unique trip and interact with the people of Atka. Before saying good-bye, Commander White headed over to the schoolhouse to meet the children of Atka and join them for an ice cream social. He expressed to them the importance of their education and his appreciation for their hard work.



ALEX HALEY crew members arrive in Atka during one of the many snow squalls seen daily



SN Mike Mackie, SN Juan Carlos Garcia Medina, SN Sam Brown



DC3 Kenly Zylawy



BM3 Jared Elliott



MK3 Rob Nogueira and BM2 Theo Aniskoff



AG1 Aaron Kawczk and BM3 Mike Diaz



CDR White talks to students.





ALEX HALEY Sails with Unalaska Citizens

story by ENS Andrew Jaeger | photos by OS3 Jesse Kristofferson

On Wednesday, April 29, ALEX HALEY set sail with citizens of Unalaska, Alaska. The four hour cruise afforded guests the opportunity to experience life underway on a Coast Guard cutter. Among the guests onboard were members of the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, representatives of the Ounalashka Corporation and numerous city officials. Guests toured the cutter, ate lunch onboard and discussed Coast Guard missions and Alaska life with crew members. The entire thirty-five member 8th grade class from Unalaska City School also sailed on the trip. Students participated in hands-on science and technology demonstrations, including ship's navigation, seamanship, firefighting, communications and damage control techniques. Student guests ate lunch with the crew and talked about different opportunities in the Coast Guard. While underway, guests observed ALEX HALEY's embarked MH-65 Dolphin helicopter as it landed in Dutch Harbor. The helicopter and its crew were returning from an overnight search and rescue case near Cold Bay, AK.

"Dutch Harbor and the people of Unalaska have a long history of partnership with the Coast Guard. It was the home of the Bering Sea Patrol and is one of the towns we visit the most. It was a great opportunity to share our cutter and our experiences with the community."

-CDR Steve White, Commanding Officer



TOP: Unalaska City School's 8th grade class tour the cutter. LEFT: A guest looks through binoculars on ALEX HALEY's bridge wing. CENTER: DC3 Kenly Zylawy teaches a student shipboard fire fighting techniques. RIGHT: BMC Brian Cleversey talks with a student.



BM3 Rian Baruether teaches students about navigation.



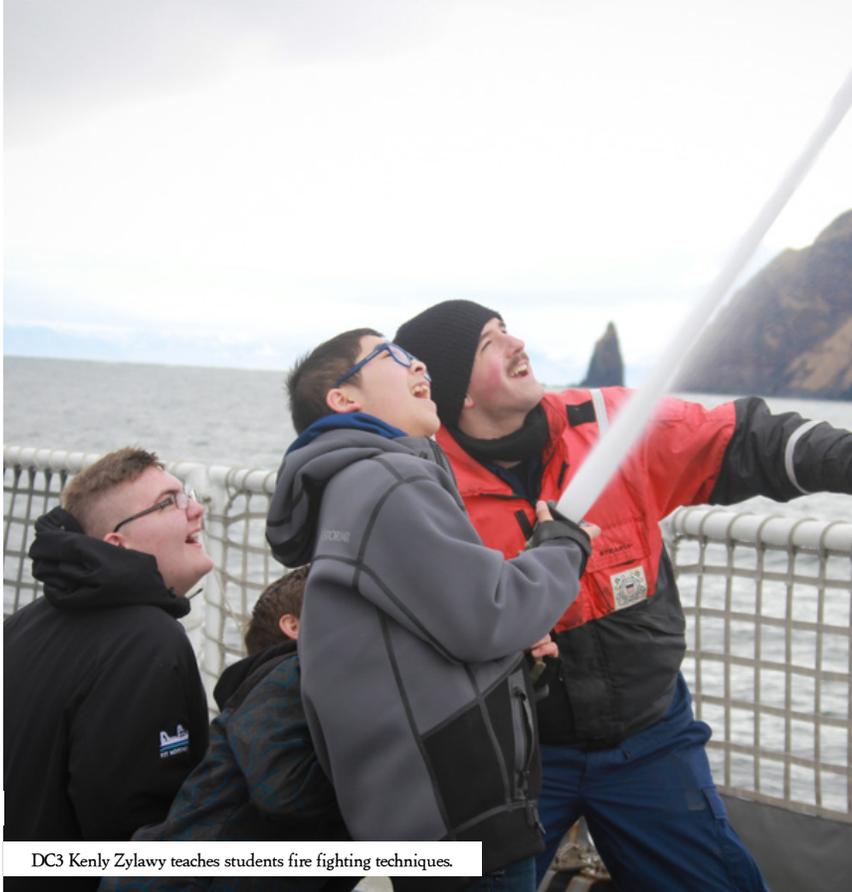
GMI Brandon Hayward takes a selfie with students.



CG6503 lands in Dutch Harbor.



Guests from Unalaska.



DC3 Kenly Zylawy teaches students fire fighting techniques.



ENS Chris Varrichio guides a tour group