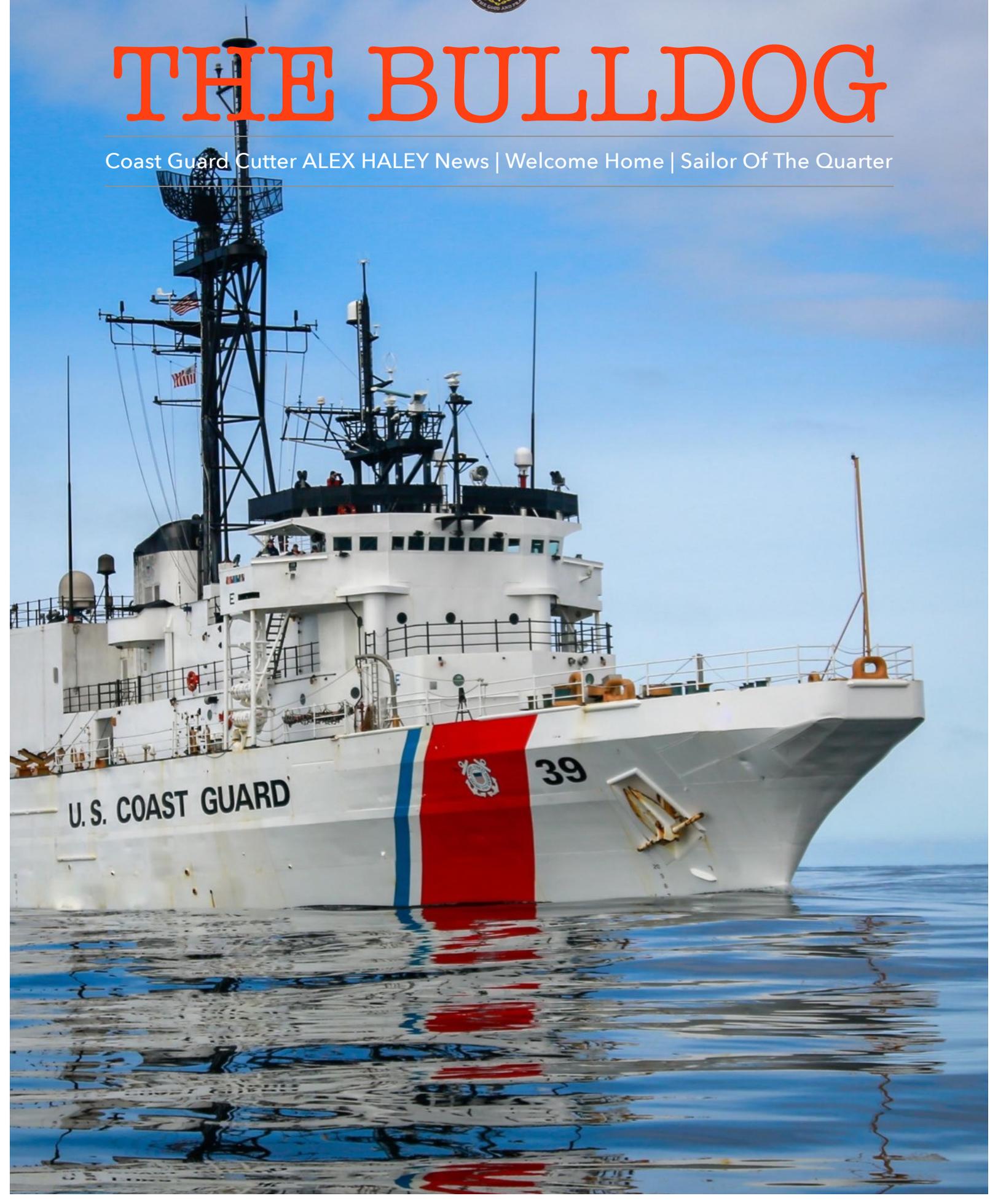




# THE BULLDOG

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Friends & Families,

Another great patrol from the sailors of the Bulldog! Ahoy!!!

Once again I find myself filled with pride and honor after our most recent adventures. I'm proud of all the great, hard work completed by this crew. I'm honored to walk the same decks and share the same experiences with the dedicated men and women on the ALEX HALEY. This patrol took us virtually to every corner of the Bering Sea. We visited Nome, Adak, Dutch Harbor and Akutan. We patrolled the US/Russian Maritime Boundary Line and conducted 41 boardings on US fishing boats ensuring safety at sea. We conducted ourselves as one would expect; playing softball with the kids in Nome, holding a concert in Adak, participating in community service events and helping those in need. Again, none of this is possible without the support of the whole team - our sailors, our support staff ashore, our Ombudsmen and our families. Thank you all. I hope you are all as proud as I am. We are looking forward to being home for a couple months, but then we'll be back to sea conducting our mission for the citizens of the US and residents of Alaska. What we do is truly a service to others. The next patrol will be trying as we miss Christmas with our loved ones to serve our Nation. Thank you for your support, patriotism and sacrifice. I have never sailed with such a great crew and it takes all of us... at sea and ashore.

God Bless you all.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Steve

Commander Steve White

Commanding Officer, USCGC ALEX HALEY



# Sailor Of The Quarter FN Benjamyn Potvin



From July to September, FN Benjamyn Potvin has been an vital member of ALEX HALEY. Always seeking out responsibilities usually reserved for higher ranking members, he became Aviation Fuel Handler and JP-5 Fuel King, successfully transferring over 770 gallons of fuel. FN Potvin's attention to detail also helped in completing daily underway cutter stability reports. FN Potvin regularly shares his knowledge with new shipmates by actively training twelve Engineering Security Watchstanders and seventeen Inport Security Watchstanders. Outside of his department, FN Potvin volunteers as a Lay Leader by leading weekly bible study groups. His pride in service, high standards, and positive attitudes are commendable.

Thank you for your service, shipmate.



# Returning Home - Press Release

KODIAK, Alaska - The crew of Coast Guard Cutter ALEX HALEY is scheduled to return to Kodiak on Wednesday morning following a successful 68 day deployment, having patrolled more than 12,000 miles throughout the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. ALEX HALEY, known as the "Bulldog of the Bering", departed Kodiak in July and has spent the last two months conducting operations in the Bering Sea and the Aleutian Islands. During the deployment, ALEX HALEY's crew performed more than forty at-sea domestic fisheries enforcement boardings, four search and rescue cases and one rescue and assistance operation.

ALEX HALEY's presence throughout this patrol proved to be a vital component for search and rescue in the Bering Sea, in the waters off Nome, and off the Aleutian Islands. While in vicinity of Nunivak Island, ALEX HALEY was able to deploy a rescue and assistance crew who arduously worked through the night and in difficult conditions to dewater and refloat a sunken skiff. The crew of the skiff had traveled over 70 miles from mainland Alaska to Nunivak Island to fish during a favorable weather window. While moored in Nome, ALEX HALEY launched her small boat into Norton Sound to take a distressed vessel in tow, returning it and the family onboard safely back to shore. In vicinity of Unalaska Island, the embarked

MH-65D Dolphin helicopter was able to conduct two separate medevacs on both an injured fisherman and injured cargo vessel crewman. The MH-65D transferred both patients safely to Dutch Harbor. In total, five lives were saved through the use of ALEX HALEY's small boat and the embarked helicopter from Air Station Kodiak.

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Crew members were able to take time out from the busy patrol to make an impact during port calls through several community outreach and volunteer events. In Nome, the crew celebrated Coast Guard Day on August 4th by hosting tours of the ship, meeting with the local leadership, completing two beach cleanups and accepting a softball game challenge from the Nome youth softball league. The residents of Nome and the crew of ALEX HALEY capped a great day with BBQ and a Coast Guard Day cake. In Adak, ALEX HALEY was able to assist local

Commander Stephen White, Commanding Officer of USCGC ALEX HALEY said, "It was a great patrol and we were able to serve a lot of different communities throughout the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. The partnerships and relationships we are able to build with people throughout Alaska is what makes working here so rewarding. We look forward to returning to patrol after a break to reconnect with our families and friends in Kodiak."



USCGC ALEX HALEY is a 282 ft Medium Endurance Cutter that has been home-ported in Kodiak since 1999. ALEX HALEY routinely conducts operations in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and the Gulf of Alaska. The cutter's ability to operate in extreme weather conditions provides the mission flexibility necessary to perform search and rescue, fishery law enforcement and vessel safety missions across Alaska. These operations occur under the tactical control of the 17th Coast Guard District in Juneau. the 17th Coast Guard District encompasses the entire state of Alaska, as well as the coastal and offshore waters seaward over several thousands of miles.



# Welcome Home







### ME1 Kevin Brown

"ME1 has been a terrific help to ALEX HALEY during the latter half of her patrol. During his time onboard, he has participated in over 20 at-sea boardings, conducted a full inventory of law enforcement equipment onboard, held trainings for all law enforcement personnel during weekly training sessions and helped qualify three additional Boarding Team members. Your ongoing efforts while temporarily assigned assisted us in meeting our qualified personnel requirements for Boarding Officers and Boarding Team Members. You were able to make a huge impact in a short amount of time, ultimately contributing to the cutter that will assist in the future billeting of Maritime Law Enforcement Specialists onboard. BRAVO ZULU on a job well done."

ENS Joel Hill



### FS1 Steven Dull

"FS1 Dull is commended for his outstanding performance while serving onboard ALEX HALEY from 14 August to 24 September 2014. He quickly responded to the cutter's critical fill solicitation to assume the duties of the Lead Petty Officer in Food Services Division. During the deployment your culinary expertise was truly noted while providing Bering Sea Dining Patrols in excess of 1,000 delicious and nutritious midnight rations. He maintained flexibility while providing meals and snacks to the Aviation Detachment, Boarding Team and Small Boat Crews enabling ALEX HALEY to perform the District 17's fisheries mission from Kodiak to the Arctic Ocean. We appreciate your time and thank you for your service."

CWO2 Heather Bove



# Saying Goodbye to TAD Shipmates

# Aviation Detachment



From Left to Right, LT Adam Mullins, AET2 Jesse Flett, AET2 Adam Brown , LT Daniel Lavinder, AMT1 Doug Brodbeck AMT2 Wes Shinn



During the second half of ALEX HALEY's Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands patrol, we welcomed aboard a new aviation detachment from Air Station Kodiak. This crew has been a great addition to the unit, assisting in many ways while assigned to the Bulldog of the Bering. Operationally, the crew of 6503 completed a medevac of an injured crewman from the Motor Vessel LOWLANDS MAINE to Dutch Harbor and positively identified an incursion of the Maritime Boundary Line by a foreign fishing vessel. During a training exercise near Dutch Harbor, 6503 successfully delivered the city's Emergency Towing System from shore to the decks of MV SEA TRADER. Overall, the crew of 6503 flew more than 50 hours in support of ALEX HALEY's various missions. It was a pleasure having the relief crew of 6503 onboard and we look forward to seeing them again.