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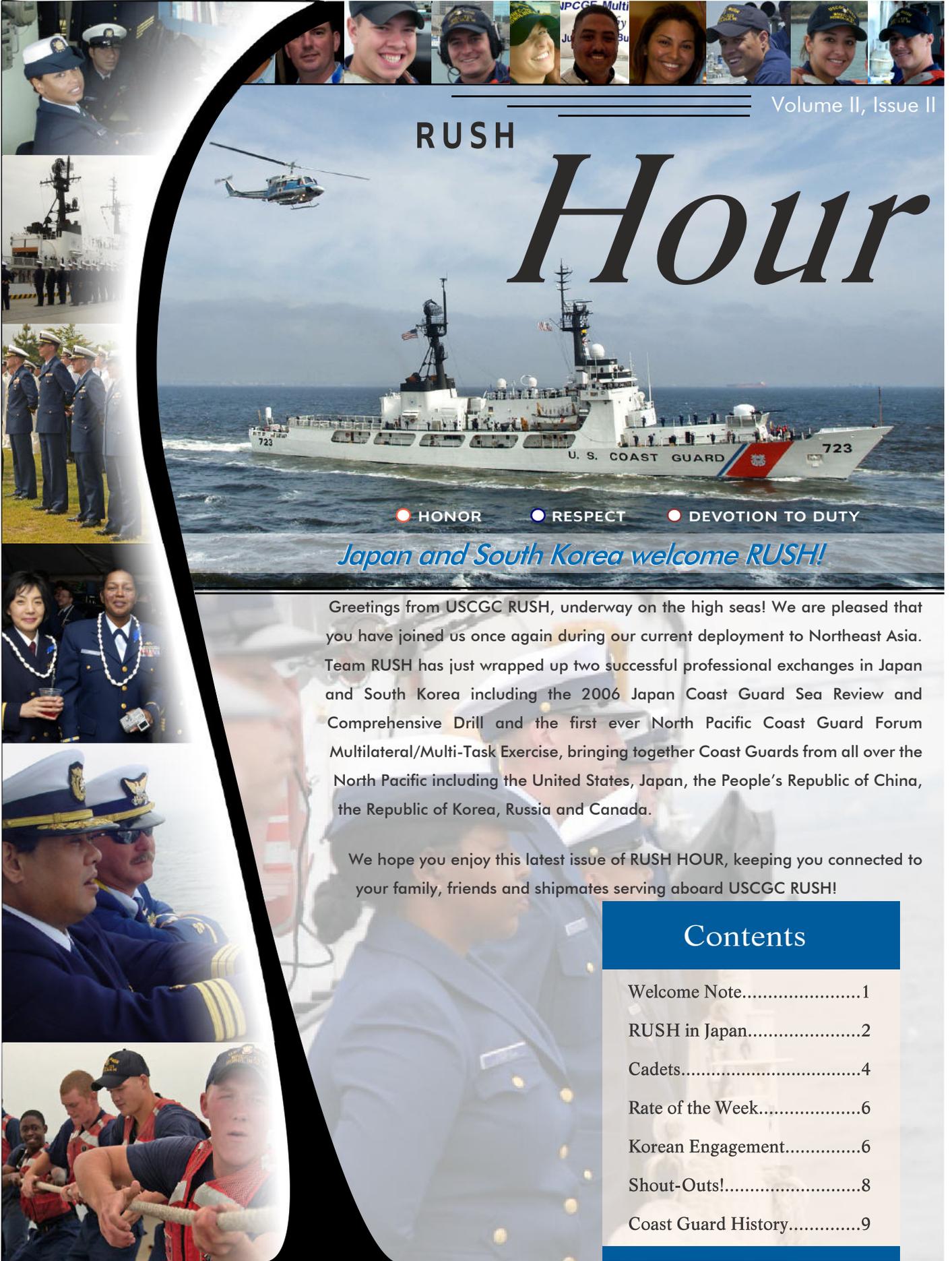
*Japan and South Korea welcome RUSH!*

Greetings from USCGC RUSH, underway on the high seas! We are pleased that you have joined us once again during our current deployment to Northeast Asia. Team RUSH has just wrapped up two successful professional exchanges in Japan and South Korea including the 2006 Japan Coast Guard Sea Review and Comprehensive Drill and the first ever North Pacific Coast Guard Forum Multilateral/Multi-Task Exercise, bringing together Coast Guards from all over the North Pacific including the United States, Japan, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Russia and Canada.

We hope you enjoy this latest issue of RUSH HOUR, keeping you connected to your family, friends and shipmates serving aboard USCGC RUSH!

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SN Sherman Baldwin helps SN Matthew Rincon back on RUSH from Rescue Swimmer practice during a Man Overboard Drill



Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara and Captain Dana Ware interact with Korea Coast Guard Officials during the welcoming ceremony



BM2 Joshua Tobosa and MK2 Amalei Ulechong show their skills on the ukulele and guitar during a reception in South Korea

# A New Chapter in Japan...

"I am honored once again by the valor and dignity of the Coast Guard through your representation here today. You have done yourselves proud, your service proud and your country proud"  
-Rear Admiral McClelland on RUSH's professional exchange in Japan

Aloha, and thank you for joining us again here on the high seas! We hope this newsletter keeps you connected to your crew aboard RUSH and our current patrol.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Two weeks after topping off our fuel tanks in Pearl Harbor, we approached Tokyo Bay in the fog as everyone made preparations to enter port in Yokohama, Japan. It's been a busy and successful transit filled with Damage Control Rodeos, Shipboard Drills and countless time zone changes. Months of hard work and planning will all begin to pay off as we make our first stop of what will be a long and rewarding professional exchange this patrol.



The long transit into Yokohama harbor proved the magnitude of Japan's largest port. The multitude of vessels in the harbor resembled a busy highway and ships made their way through the sound. With its shiny white hull and bright red stripe, RUSH stood out amongst the local fishing fleet and dark container vessels. Many ships greeted us on our way in and the Japan Coast Guard provided a welcoming escort to the pier. We passed under the Yokohama Bay Bridge and was greeted with cheers from the Bridge Control Tower as we made our way to the Maritime Disaster Prevention Pier, home of the Japan Coast Guard Third Regional Fleet.

As we set the special sea detail, we cast over the ship's traditional lei over our bow and members of Team RUSH manned the rails in their Service Dress Blue Bravo uniforms to render honors to Japan Coast Guard Officials. Making our way to the pier, we heard the familiar score of

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# A Step Into the Past



Captain R.W. Durfey, Former Commanding Officer of RUSH during RUSH's operations in Vietnam in 1971

Some of the first members of Team RUSH sit back and enjoy a USO Show during a port call in Cebu City, Philippines



Members of Team RUSH wave their caps to the reviewed ships during the final pass of the Japan Coast Guard Sea Review and Comprehensive Drill.



SK3 Melanie Gonzales and SK1 Ifong Lee help serve hors d'oeuvres during the onboard reception in Yokohama, Japan

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"Semper Paratus" as the Japan Coast Guard Band welcomed us in with our service anthem. Officials from the Japan Coast Guard, including the Command delegation from our host ship ESAN, provided a warm welcome as we moored.



Yokohama is Japan's second largest metropolis. Its modern architecture mixed with traditional Japanese design

make for a warm and hospitable environment. Numerous malls, museums and shopping districts made for a good time during crew liberty.

During our stay, we were invited to a reception hosted by our host ship ESAN. The even kicked off with a ceremonial cracking of the Sake barrel by the Commanding Officers of RUSH and ESAN. We were treated to traditional Japanese cuisine while being entertained with cultural displays including a Japanese samurai exhibition. It was a fun and motivating experience for all who attended.

Friday night was filled with joy and splendor as RUSH hosted a reception on board with guests from the Japan Coast Guard and other U.S. Military installations. Our Food

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RUSH follows ships of the Japan Coast Guard during the Japan Coast Guard Sea Review and Comprehensive Drill



Team RUSH renders honors during the Japan Coast Guard Sea Review and Comprehensive Drill

# A Cadet Summer Experience

The Coast Guard is the world's oldest life-saving service. To the honor of this fine service stands the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

Founded in 1876 aboard the schooner DOBBIN, the Coast Guard Academy is amongst the highest in selectivity of the five U.S. Federal military Academies. Graduating an average of over 170 Coast Guard Ensigns a year, the Coast Guard Academy offers a four-year Bachelor of Science Degree program

to Cadets enrolled in the institution.

A part of the training regiment includes a summer attached to a Coast Guard unit to familiarize themselves with the daily operations of the U.S. Coast Guard and it's fleet. Third Class Cadets, or Sophomores, may find themselves onboard a Cutter training with junior members of the crew while First Class Cadets, or Seniors, apply their practiced skill while shadowing Junior Officers.

We are pleased to

have Cadets from the Coast Guard Academy joining us for this patrol. Their dedication to excellence is noticeable through their interaction with the crew. We are confident that Team RUSH will help develop our new shipmates into fine young Officers in the U.S. Coast Guard.

For more information on the Coast Guard Academy, visit [www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu)



First Class Cadet  
Mary Amelia Gilday  
*St. Petersburg, Florida*

Daughter of Michael and Englan Gilday  
-Studying Government Affairs  
-Pursuing career in Coast Guard Aviation

Son of Daniel Sadowitz and Eunbok Cho  
-Studying Operations Research/Computer Analysis  
-Pursuing goal as CG Liaison in South Korea

First Class Cadet  
Raphael Jin Sadowitz  
*Seoul, South Korea*



First Class Cadet  
Jonathan W. Ladyga  
*Norwich, Connecticut*

Son of Richard and Christine Ladyga  
-Studying Government/International Affairs  
-Pursuing career in CG Law Enforcement

-Studying Civil Engineering  
-Pursuing career in CG Law Enforcement and Engineering

First Class Cadet  
Abigail Hwi Hu  
*New Milford, Connecticut*



Third Class Cadet  
Michael Wu  
*Foster City, California*

Son of Jie and Qun Wu  
-Studying Management  
-Pursuing career in CG Law Enforcement

Son of Mike and Kathy Haas  
-Studying Mechanical Engineering  
-Pursuing career in Engineering

Third Class Cadet  
Michael John Haas  
*Fort Collins, Colorado*



Third Class Cadet  
Matthew Evan Eyer  
*Mystic, Connecticut*

Son of David and Nancy Eyer  
-Studying Electrical Engineering  
-Pursuing career in Engineering

Daughter of Jack and Jackie Beazley  
-Studying Electrical Engineering  
-Pursuing career in Coast Guard Aviation

Third Class Cadet  
Jessica Jane Beazley  
*Carefree, Arizona*



Third Class Cadet  
Jonathan Sauve  
*Wahiawa, Hawaii*

Son of Peter and Ann Sauve  
-Studying Marine and Environmental Science  
-Pursuing career in Coast Guard Aviation

Daughter of Wenbin Tuo and Daming Zhu  
-Studying Government Affairs  
-Pursuing Sector Command Center operations

Third Class Cadet  
Xiaobin Tuo  
*Columbia, Maryland*





# Bravo Zulu!

Congratulations to the following personnel for the well-deserved awards!

- LTJG Brock Eckel - Coast Guard Letter of Commendation
- LTJG Thurston Sumner - Promotion to O-2, Coast Guard Achievement Medal
- BM1 Brian Anderson - Coast Guard Achievement Medal
- MK1 Darcy Collins - Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon Award
- OS2 Robert Troha - Coast Guard Letter of Commendation
- SK2 Adam Cheney - Advancement to E-5
- ET2 Travis Shiflett - Advancement to E-5
- ET2 Steven Solari - Advancement to E-5
- SN Calvin Baker - Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon Award



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Service Division presented their award-winning appetizers and desserts, including an official cake commemorating the working relationship between the Japan Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard. Team RUSH also hosted many tours of the ship with demonstrations at various stations. Hosted by Rear Admiral McClelland, the reception was praised by many who attended.

Our first port call proved to be a success. With the hard work by all members of Team RUSH, we were able to leave a positive lasting impression on the Japan Coast Guard and their country.



BM2 Paul Seyler and ENS Nathaniel Robinson work diligently on charts. These duties are crucial to the safe navigation of RUSH through the ocean and entering ports.



The place to meet  
old shipmates

## Get Underway!

[www.fredsplace.org](http://www.fredsplace.org)

You can follow along with RUSH on this historic patrol on Fred's Place! A site dedicated to all "Coastie's", Fred's Place has been a resourceful website for today's Coast Guard Family. Get underway with RUSH by visiting RUSH's Photo Journals posted weekly!



Third Class Cadet Michael Hu looks on while SN Jaelyn Young throws over a heaving line while mooring at the Busan Coast Guard Base in South Korea

# Electrician's Mate's

Responsible for the repair and maintenance of all electrical equipment on board Cutter RUSH, Electrician's Mates form the core of the Electrical Division. This equipment includes power generation, machinery plant control system, emergency generator, flight control and landing system, small boat electrical systems, visual and audible systems and steering control Systems to name a few.

The Electrical Division supplies a Duty EM who does not stand watch but is on call 24 hours a day. The Duty EM is responsible for the proper operation of all electrical equipment throughout the ship. Electrician's Mates gain considerable knowledge in their rate and in practical mechanical experience.

Advancement opportunities are always available for motivated Petty Officers in the electrical field. Electrician's Mate is one of the most challenging rates in the Coast Guard, but it is also one of the most rewarding.

## A First in the Land of the Morning Calm

With the success of our exchange in Japan, stirred-up excitement was in the air for our next professional exchange in Busan, Republic of Korea. Busan is the Republic of Korea's largest port, welcoming trade from all corners of the world. The weather around the Japanese archipelago remained foggy for most of the transit, keeping the Officers of the Deck on the Bridge busy with the considerable vessel traffic in the area. The East China Sea and the Sea of Japan are well known as busy transit zones for merchant and commercial fishing vessels.

After a three and a half day transit, we began the second phase of our multi-lateral engagement in the Republic of Korea. In Japan, we worked closely with our partners in the Japan Coast Guard. This time, the stage would be much bigger as we would be taking part in the first ever North Pacific Coast Guard Forum Multilateral/Multi-Task Exercise (MMEX) with Coast Guards from Japan, the Republic of Korea, Canada, Russia and the People's Republic of China. This multilateral engagement allowed us to work closely together to achieve a more effective Coast Guard presence in the North Pacific. Led by the Commander of the Coast Guard Fourteenth District in Honolulu, Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, RUSH represented the delegation from the United States to the Forum's inaugural meeting of this sort.

After mooring up at the Busan Coast Guard Base, Team RUSH was ready for some liberty before the activities began the following week. Our Morale Officer, LTJG Sean Murray, was able to set up our participation in the MWR-sponsored Beach Blast 2006, an annual weekend celebration bringing together the U.S. Military installations in the Republic of Korea. Our first set of activities included softball and basketball at the Chinhae Naval Station. Team RUSH obliterated teams from the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army, winning by double-digit margins in softball, and the friendly competition in basketball allowed members of Team RUSH to show their skills on the court. Sunday's activities took Team RUSH and the rest of the participants to Song Jung Beach near Busan for various beach activities including volleyball, tug-of-war and the ten-man pyramid competition. The volleyball teams eliminated many along their way to the semifinals where they came up short to an Army team, but still placed Second and Third. Free food and friendly interaction with our fellow service members was the highlight of a fun weekend to kick off our port call in the Republic of Korea.

Monday came around and the MMEX opened with a welcoming ceremony at the Busan Korea Coast Guard Base. Korea Coast Guard officials provided a warm welcome to Team RUSH along with delegations from Canada, Russia, the Republic of Korea, Japan and the People's Republic of China. The event also hosted observers from Australia and India to take part in the professional exchange. Rear Admiral Brice-O'Hara addressed the participants on the importance of the success of the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum and its efforts to provide safer seas for all mariners. When the ceremony ended, the multilateral exchange began with tours

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# W e l c o m e A b o a r d !



Aloha to our newest members of Team RUSH! We look forward to working with you!

SN James Caliendo - Tampa Bay, Florida  
SN Calvin Holt - Norfolk, Virginia

A big Mahalo to shipmates joining us from other units!

EM1 Michael Lingo - Typhoon-Class Maintenance Assistance Team San Diego  
BM2 Sean McNamara - USCG Pacific Area Tactical Law Enforcement Team San Diego  
BM2 Brett Christenson - USCG Pacific Area Tactical Law Enforcement Team San Diego  
MK2 Ricardo Fernandez - Naval Engineering Support Unit Honolulu, Hawaii  
PA3 Brian Leshak - USCG Pacific Area Public Affairs

F A I R W I N D S

*Farewell*

F O L L O W I N G S E A S

We wish a fond aloha to members of Team RUSH who are leaving for new horizons ahead! Thank you for your countless contributions to the success of Team RUSH and our missions!

LT Thomas Sullard - Civilian  
LTJG Brock Eckel - USCGC SHERMAN, Alameda, California  
LTJG Thurston Sumner - Naval Engineering Support Unit Portsmouth, Virginia  
EMC Jonathan Scarborough - USCGC JARVIS, Honolulu, Hawaii  
BM1 Brian Anderson - USCGC EDISTO, San Diego, California  
OS2 Robert Troha - USCG Field Intelligence Support Team San Francisco, California  
FN Adam Zurowski - USCG Air Station San Diego Airman Program

SK2 Adam Cheney sends: Happy Birthday Tiff, you're old! Just joking, you have a nice birthday. Hello to everyone, hope y'all are doing good, Love Me.

SKC Mark Tahtinen sends: Teresa - I am sorry that I cannot be there during our anniversary this Year. I will remember it here. I will be home before you know it. Love, Mark

OS3 Jesse Pineda sends: Hey everyone, how are y'all doing? This patrol is going great so far. We will talk to you later. Love, Jesse

ENS Anastacia Visneski sends: I'd like to put out a shout out to the entire crew of JARVIS!

YN3 Patrick Mansfield sends: Happy 25th Birthday Lynelle. Love you. Give a kiss to Shane for me. Love Patrick.

SK1 Ifong Lee sends: Shiloh, mommy is very proud of you and Happy belated Birthday. I miss you. Honey, I love you and I miss you. You are doing an awesome job!! Lots of hugs and kisses for you and the kids!

OS3 Joshua Gonzales sends: Hey Gonzales Family, just wanted to say hi and let you know that I'm doing good. I miss you and love you all very much, can't wait to come home and see you all soon, Love Josh

BMC Kent Swansburg sends: A very special shout out to my LA connection, the editor sends his regards for last issue. I hope all is well down South and you guys are all doing great. I love and miss you all. Hi Brendan, I miss you. Hello to everyone back in NH. Hi Danny, Zach, Sam and Chris. I hope you are all doing good and I look forward to seeing you guys soon. Uncle Kent misses you all. Please give your Mom and Dad a hug from me. Gerry I didn't forget your necklace. Hi Babe, good job on taking care of business and the house hunting ops. I can't wait to get back to you and Carly and turn that house back into a home. Love you Tammy. Carly, Daddy is still working on the boat. I will be home as soon as I can. Please continue to work hard on the potty ops! Be a good little girl for Mommy. Daddy has a special present for his little girl when he gets home. Hi Mom and Dad. Love and miss you both!

OS3 Atraya Stacy sends: Hey Mom, Dad, Zach, Ian and Rusty! How is everyone back home? Happy Birthday Ian, you are finally 6! Now you can join the gymnastics team that you wanted to join. Work hard and do not give up. I will send you your present soon. Zach, keep working hard at school and sports. I love you guys so much and I will try to come home for Christmas.

DCC Andy Brown sends: Stacey, Happy Birthday and wish I was there to celebrate with you!! I hope paddling is going better and you're having fun in the races!! Have fun on the beach and I will be home before you know it!! Andy

F&S2 Cheri Yancey sends: To my sister Donna Evans, HAPPY BIRTHDAY. The Depends and Exlax are in the mail. HAHAAAA. To my twin sister Cheryl Farris, now how old did you say you were again? Just kidding. Happy Birthday, you could not have picked a better twin sister to share this day with. To my nephews Keithie and TYII and my brother-in-law Curtis, HAPPY BIRTHDAY. You all can give me my gifts when I come home. HAHAAAA. To the entire YANCEY family: I know you all love and miss me very much.

LTJG Walter Daniel sends: Hi honey. Hope everything is good. Thanks again for the cards, it made my day. Tell Damien I think he is cool too. You are my best friend and the best wife in the world and I am lucky to have you in my life. Hello everyone, can't wait to see y'all. Love, Walt

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between the participating ships from the U.S. Coast Guard, Japan Coast Guard, Korea Coast Guard and the Russian Border Control Directorate. Some members of Team RUSH took great pride in showing off the ship to new friends while others got the opportunity to learn about foreign Coast Guard vessels on tours provided by the host crews.

A reception hosted later that evening by the Korean Coast Guard featured cultural presentations from the host country. The event welcomed crew members from all of the participating ships in preparation for the upcoming underway portion of the exchange.

Tuesday was a national holiday for Veteran's Day in the Republic of Korea, giving crew members the opportunity to explore Busan during liberty. Our hosts provided a city and suburb tour of Busan featuring a stop at an ancient Korean Buddhist temple. Other crew members took advantage of the excellent shopping opportunities in Busan including the Nampo-Dong International Marketplace, rivaling those in Seoul, Shanghai and Tokyo.

Wednesday followed with RUSH hosting a luncheon onboard to guests from the participating ships. Rear Admiral Brice-O'Hara hosted the reception which featured fine cuisine and decadent desserts from our award-winning Food Service Division and Hawaiian entertainment by BM2 Joshua Tobosa, MK2 Amalei Ulechong and OS1 Peni Motu including an ukulele instrumental and traditional hula. RUSH presented delegation members with personalized plaques from the Commanding Officer to commemorate our partnership in the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum.

After a well-favored stay in South Korea, it was time to get back underway to complete the underway portion of the exercise to include a Parade of Ships and mock distress scenario. Team RUSH represented the U.S. Coast Guard well through its contributions in towing a distressed vessel. The Deck Division did a superb job in accurately rigging a towline to another vessel as the RUSH Boarding Team demonstrated on-scene procedures on board the distressed vessel. This capped off an overall successful port visit in support of the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum and allowed Team RUSH to extend it's excellence on yet another platform.



SN Robert Hopkins, SN Daniel Norris and fellow shipmates heave around on a line while mooring in Yokohama, Japan



Members of Team RUSH stand before the Busan skyline during the welcoming ceremony of the NPCCGF Multi-lateral exercise



CAPT Dana Ware signs FS1 Donald Lewanski's final documents during Petty Officer Lewanski's Re-Enlistment Ceremony held underway on the Flying Bridge

**THIS WEEK IN COAST GUARD HISTORY...**



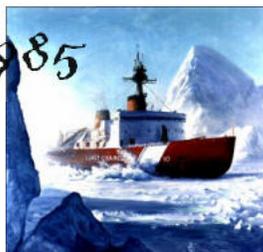
*June 5, 1912*

SENATOR CHARLES E. TOWNSEND OF MICHIGAN INTRODUCED A BILL TO CONSOLIDATE THE LIFE-SAVING SERVICE AND REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE TO FORM THE COAST GUARD. THE BILL BECAME LAW ON JANUARY 28, 1915



*June 6, 1985*

USCGC POLAR SEA DEPARTED SEATTLE FOR A VOYAGE THROUGH THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE BY WAY OF THE PANAMA CANAL AND THEN GREENLAND. POLAR SEA COMPLETED THE FIRST AND FASTEST SOLO CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT BY A U.S. VESSEL AND THE FIRST TRIP BY A POLAR-CLASS ICEBREAKER.





RUSH, adorned with its traditional bow lei and A-L-O-H-A spelled out on pennants, makes a final high-speed pass to the Reviewing Ships during the 2006 Japan Coast Guard Sea Review and Comprehensive Drill



RUSH takes position to rig a towline to a Korean training vessel during the Multi-Lateral Exercise in support of the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum



SN Casey McDonough shows Third Class Cadet Michael Wu how to flemish a line

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For more coverage on RUSH's current patrol in support of the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum, visit [www.uscgpacificarea.com](http://www.uscgpacificarea.com)



Members of Team RUSH represent the Coast Guard in the Ten-Man Pyramid competition during Beach Blast 2006 at Song Jung Beach in Busan, South Korea