



THE BULLDOG

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A WORD FROM CAPTAIN

Ahoy Friends and Family of Alex Haley!

I am typing this on the eve of our return to homeport. It seems like so long ago that we pulled away from Kodiak just after Christmas. While we have been gone, we have not been idle! The crew absolutely performed marvelously! No matter what the mission was or what kind of challenges we faced, flawless execution and operational prowess were the end result. The make up of our team was constantly changing. We had a host of different temporary shipmates from the CG Cutter Healy, Kodiak's Maintenance Support Staff, North Pacific Fisheries Training Center, District 17 staff, Kodiak Clinic and AIRSTA Kodiak. We also had an Aviation Detachment and helicopter from AIRSTA Kodiak for our Bering Sea portion of the patrol.

You would be amazed at how well our team worked together. Most importantly, you would be proud of how everyone looked out for each other. It is certainly an honor to serve on this ship and with this crew! Along those lines, I want to thank each and everyone of you for your support, prayers and dedication. There is no way we could accomplish what we do without you behind us!!!

Now, I have told this crew that I would sail with them anywhere, anytime. I would put them up against any challenge. They are some of the finest patriots this country has! Going to sea is what we are asked to do. That is where our service is provided. At sea is where crews and ships are tested and strengthened. We have been to sea, we have been tested and we have been strengthened. Now however, it is time to come home. We are ready to reunite with our loved ones and prepare for our next adventure. Tomorrow will be a day of joyous reunion as we return triumphant from our most recent mission. It's good to be home with the ones who provide the love and support that keeps us all going.

Thank You all and God Bless America.

Most respectfully,

Commander Steve White
Commanding Officer of the Bulldog of the Bering
Coast Guard Cutter ALEX HALEY



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The "Bulldog of the Bering" is no stranger to the harsh, Alaskan weather. With temperatures as low as 12 degrees, winds as strong as 60 knots and sea swells as high as 25 feet, we battled through the elements to carry out our law enforcement, flight operations, and search and rescue missions.

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ALEX HALEY completed over 59 Domestic Fishery Enforcement boardings in the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea, and Aleutian Islands, detecting 09 violations and ensuring the safety of America's largest fishing industry. ALEX HALEY Law Enforcement Teams also performed an at-sea boarding on a foreign-flagged, high interest vessel.



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Taking advantage of her pier time in the lower 48, ALEX HALEY arranged for nearly half her crew to attend a state-of-the-art fire school in Kitsap County, Washington. Responsible for the safety of our "home away from home", ALEX HALEY repair locker personnel braved fire and flooding alongside experienced instructors, perfecting their damage control techniques.

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Deck personnel respond to a Simulated Man Overboard, one of many graded drills during the 2014 CART-TSTA period. During their time in Seattle and Everett, ALEX HALEY's Training Teams and crew expertly executed 106 drills, scoring an overall 97.1%, earning the Battle "E" for Excellence in all Warfare Areas.



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Putting their expert seamanship and ship handling skills to the test, the crews of ALEX HALEY and MIDGETT took advantage of a rare opportunity for a towing exercise in the Gulf of Alaska. Using the "Crossing The T" and "Backing Down" approaches, MIDGETT nimbly piloted within ten feet of our bow. After passing over the tow line, ALEX HALEY deck personnel received the messenger and towing hawser line, passing it through the bull nose and securing it around the starboard bits. A perfect tow was completed! We said goodbye to our Bering Sea relief asset and started the long-awaited and hard-earned trip home.

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Our outstanding Aviation Detachment from AIRSTA Kodiak performed flawlessly through a whirlwind patrol. The expert pilots and flight crews accrued more than 60 hours of flight time in 33 days. Working through several law enforcement reconnaissance missions and two demanding search and rescue cases, the AVDET found time to complete much needed day, night, and night vision goggle training exercises.

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The ALEX HALEY's flight deck in early morning before small boat training. Constantly seeking time between and during missions to train, we effectively qualified 15 flight deck fire team members, 10 helm and lookouts, 9 deck seamen, 8 boatswains mates of the watch, 7 engineering security watchstanders, 5 auxiliary engineers of the watch, 4 machinery watchstanders, 3 helo tie downs, 3 rescuemen, 3 inport security watchstanders, 3 gangway petty officers of the watch, 2 engineers of the watch, 2 quartermasters of the watch, 2 JP5 fuel handlers, 2 coxswains, and 1 aviation fuel king.



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Aviation Survival Technician Second Class David Burns walks across the flight deck of ALEX HALEY after being lowered by hoist from the CG6544.

To the families and friends
of the ALEX HALEY:

Thank you for your support, commitment, and patience. With the exception of a brief port call, we've been away from you since December 29th. What feels like an eternity for us must feel like the same for you. We have missed you dearly and cannot express how happy we are to return home to you.

We'll see you soon.

Until Next Time