

Mike Mussler, Co-President, sent this report on his son, Bob Mussler, 2011, engine –

... Bob should have written up his second sea year experiences to share with us but he spent the whole three weeks he was home working on his Sea Project. There is a message in that too...Sea Projects should be done at sea, not at home and this is an example to the midshipmen going out to sea how not to do their projects. We finally sat down to go through his photos right before he left for the airport to return to KP! I wish I had copies in my computer to send to you but they left with Bob.

Bob's last ship was his best of all and we were really glad for that. It sounded like the perfect end to his KP sea year. Bob sailed under a Chief Engineer and First Assistant who are both KP grads and consequently Bob and his sea partner got to do a lot more on the M/V Liberty Eagle than they did on the cruise ship (M/V Celebrity Mercury). They departed Lake Charles, LA in September and arrived in Tanzania and Kenya a month later. Their route took them around the Cape of Africa and they sailed up the East Coast of Africa from the South, probably to avoid the pirates off Somalia. The Liberty Eagle is a break bulk ship carrying humanitarian aid and consequently spent plenty of time in port working her cargo. Bob and his fellow cadets got to spend some time ashore and their activities included an African style barbeque, a safari in Kenya's Tsavo National Park and scuba diving in the ocean off a sunken wreck. Their shipboard assignments included troubleshooting a clogged galley drain (I got to see the video from that) and welding equipment and provisions in a safe room in case of pirate attacks. Fortunately, they didn't have to try out their welding handiwork although the Indian flagged ship ahead of them at the pier had been attacked by pirates. The pirates decided to abandon the Indian ship due to its level of disrepair. Bob brought home two excellent letters of recommendation from the Chief and First and Bob's advice to those who follow is to work hard, do a good job and obtain similar letters if at all possible. He has more sea stories than I can relate here and he can look back on quite an adventure for a 21 year old Kings Point midshipman.



M/V Celebrity Mercury website: <http://www.celebritycruises.com/home.do>



M/V Liberty Eagle Websites: www.libertymar.com

www.libertygl.com

I am Adam Jerlow, class of 2012 I just returned from sea.

Routes and ships: USNS Harry L Martin, this was a MSC preposition ship that carried supplies for the marine corp and hung out on the tip of south korea. There wasn't much actual sailing time so its not a great ship for deckies but the engine department was full of great guys and there was plenty of work. the licensed engineers were more than helpful in helping me understand systems and certain operating procedures, etc.

The attached picture is from a night out in town at the army base in Chin Hae s korea. The guy who is passed out turned 48 that day and partied a little too hard I guess.

Start sea projects the day after you get on the ship. Don't wait.

Hope this is helpful.

Regards,

M/N Adam Jerlow, 2012



USNS 1st Lt. Harry L Martin Website: <http://www.navsource.org/archives/09/13/133015.htm>

Nicholas Halbach, 2011, engine, sent a list of his ships and ports:

USNS 1st Lt. Harry L Martin:

40 Days anchored in Yeosu, South Korea

5 days anchored in Yokohama, Japan

40 days Anchored in Pusan, SK

Website: <http://www.navsource.org/archives/09/13/133015.htm>

MV Maersk Utah:

Newark, NJ

Savannah, GA

Houston, TX

Norfolk, VA

Algeciras, Spain

Port Said, Egypt

Djibouti

Dubai, UAE

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Chennai, India

Aqaba, Jordan

Website: http://www.maerskline.com/link/?page=brochure&path=/our_services/vessels

SS Horizon Trader:

Newark, NJ

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Jacksonville, FL

Website: <http://www.horizon-lines.com/Ocean-Services/Puerto-Rico.aspx>