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Commander's Message

Buz Isban
Commander

I am happy to report that **CPT John Hannan USA (Fmr)** has accepted the nomination to take the responsibilities of Commander this next year. In addition, **CPT Linda Howry USA (Fmr)** has accepted the nomination for Vice Commander. With a succession plan in place, we can rest assured our Chapter will continue to demonstrate our continued attention to volunteer service to our community. **COL Jerry (G.O.) Jenson USMC (Ret)** has again volunteered to serve as chairman of our recruiting effort. Several have stepped forward and volunteered to assist **G.O.** My sense is that all of us realize the need to continue our efforts to highlight what patriotism and love of country is really all about. Like former President John F. Kennedy said in his inaugural address on January 20th, 1961, "Ask not what the country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." Our small

Breakfast Meeting

An in-person meeting is planned for April 9, 2022 at 1100 at Lou's Tivoli Garden.

footprint will continue to leave a legacy worthy of following.

Membership. After reviewing our roster, it is apparent that our membership has declined. There are several reasons for this. Some have passed away, some have changed membership association due to relocation, and some have found themselves too busy otherwise to participate with us. Thanks to Companion **Jerry Jenson**, we are going to rekindle an Ad Hoc Membership Committee. All are welcome to join this effort. Contact **G.O. Jenson** as we regenerate this important initiative.

Staffing. This month we vote for the 2022-2023 staff. The Officers Slate Nominations are as follows:

- Commander: John Hannan
 - Vice Commander: Linda Howry
 - Junior Vice Commander: TBD
 - Adjutant: Melvin Howry
 - Treasurer: Buz Isban
 - Chaplain: TBD
 - Judge Advocate: Phil Hanson
 - Marshal: Ken Coffman
 - Surgeon General: Linda Howry
 - Bulletin Editor: Carlton Bjerkaas
 - Web Master: Ken Coffman
 - Historian: Ken Coffman
 - Membership Chairman: Jerry Jenson
- Thank you all for your continued support.

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CAPT Denny Bash MSC USNR (Ret) will be leaving the staff. He has been an integral part of

the Patrick Henry's Pen Patriotic Essay initiative. It is hoped he will continue as a supportive Companion for years to come. Thank you, Denny.

Arizona Youth Leadership Conference

(AZYLC) Update: ASU West has been confirmed as the location for this year. **SGM Fred Garnett USAR (Ret)** has met with **Jeff Schrade** (AZYLC Director) to work out details for the conference. Hopefully early this month this information will be available to us so we can solicit cadets to attend.

CINC's Solicitation Fund. I stand corrected again, the CINC's 2021-2022 Solicitation is \$100,000 versus \$95,000.00. As of March 4th, \$87,277 has been donated. Take advantage of this state and federal tax-deductible charitable contribution.

MOC 2023. Thanks to **COL Jerry Wojtas**, we have secured the Palm Ridge Recreation Center again next year for our MOC. It will be on **Tuesday February 21, 2023**. Now we need a suitable guest speaker. Join the hunt and give **Jerry** some suggestions.

Patrick Henry's Pen. We have in hand printed essay contest application forms hot off the press. They will be distributed early this month to our sponsored ROTC and JROTC units with a cover letter. We intend to advertise again in early September. Any JROTC member may apply. The best two from each ROTC and JROTC unit may be submitted. The essay will not identify the ROTC/JROTC member, high school, or class year and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling, and thought process. Those who enter the contest and do not win the grand prize will receive an honorable mention certificate. The deadline is November 15, 2022. The theme will be "Patriotism – What it means to me." Organizational development is worth 35 points. Instructors may check the essay for punctuation. The JROTC prize is \$500, and the ROTC prize is \$750. All evaluators from the Chapter shall be appointed by August 2022. Currently we have several volunteers.

ROTC/JROTC Awards Night. Starting in mid-April, the ROTC and the JROTC units will

commence their awards nights. In the past we have been very successful in providing one or more of our Companions to be presenters at each activity. Please volunteer to be one yourself. It is important that we show a presence at these limited events for at least two reasons: it indicates to the recipient we enjoy encouraging them and sharing in their success as young leaders and it is a manifestation of our service to the community. Those Companions who have done this before will assure you that it was a satisfying experience for them as well.

As a presenter, how do I prepare? Our role is simple --- when our award is called, retrieve it from the individual handling the awards, proceed to "center stage", present the award and shake hands offering congratulations. If appropriate, return a salute if one is offered and return to your seat. Count on about an hour or so for the ceremony. Some schools have refreshments and a "social time" before or following the ceremony. Strictly up to you whether or not you participate. As for dress ---- over the years presenters have worn anything from "very casual" to uniforms, so take your pick. I wear a sport coat and tie as a personal preference. I have delivered the awards to each school in advance. On arrival I check to see if our award is present -- certificate in a dark maroon folder imprinted with the MOWW logo in gold; medal and ribbon in a plastic box. If possible, get a photo of you presenting the award(s). We can incorporate it in our monthly Bulletin, for a future article, on our website, etc. Get the name of the cadet as well. Relax and enjoy the pleasure of giving recognition to superb students.

April General Meeting.

Location: Lou's Tivoli Gardens, 12555 W. Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 623-974-8224

Time: April 9, 2022 1100 AM meal served with business meeting to follow.

Cost: \$14.50 per person (includes tax and tip) Please pay the Treasurer.

Menu: TBA.

Reservations requested. Please RSVP to Buz Isban at buzisban@cox.net or call him at 623-512-0765 by **April 5th**.

May General Meeting. We will meet again at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in May. We are hoping to return to Fellowship Square in October. Please bear with us at Tivoli's. The focus of this meeting will be installation of officers for the 2022-2023 operating year and presentation of awards. Guests are invited. There will be no scheduled guest speaker.

2022 MOWW National Convention. 2-7 August 2022 at the Southbank Marriot Hotel in Jacksonville, Fl. Registration is \$285 before 1 July and \$310 afterwards. Rooms go for about \$109 per day which include tax, fees but no free breakfast. All are invited. The first day there is a golf tournament and several interesting tours at an additional expense. Please go to the MOWW National website for more in-depth information.

Until next time, thank you everyone. "Gear, flaps and hook down, ready to land."
Buz

Surgeon's Note

By Linda Howry RN MS

Oral Antiviral Drug for Covid-19

The (FDA) Food and Drug Administration granted (EUA) Emergency Use Authorization for an oral pill for therapeutic use in Covid-19. This drug can only be prescribed by medical personal with prescribing privileges. The Pfizer drug called Paxlovid and is a combination of nirmatrelvir and ritonavir tablets.

This drug treats mild to moderate Covid-19, in those who have a high risk for developing severe Covid symptoms that could cause hospitalization and death. This drug is given after testing positive Covid-19 tests (SARS-CoV-2) and within 5 days of the onset of symptoms. It is for adults but can be used in children 12 years and older who are over 40 kg. The drug trials for this drug were limited to a small population but did demonstrate that it was effective in preventing death compared to the placebo test group. Paxlovid side effects include dysgeusia (giving food a metallic taste), diarrhea, hypertension, myalgia (pain in a muscle or group of muscles).

This drug is not used for those who have mild to moderate symptoms that do not have underlying health issues.

Another drug Molnupiravir capsules from Merck drug company, is being developed and should also be available in the near future.

MPR, CDC

Treasurer's Report

Buz Isban
Treasurer



Financial Report

As of 18 March 2022

General Fund	\$12,605.42
Petty Cash	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$12,655.42
Patriotic Savings Account	\$5,443.27
Endowment Fund	\$15,930.31
GRAND TOTAL	\$34,029.00

MOC 2023 – Hold this date

I'm happy to announce to all of you that we have confirmed the date of Tuesday 21 April 2023 as the date of our next MOC. The location will again be at the Palm Ridge Rec Center, same as it was this year. **So, mark your calendars accordingly.** Jerry Wojtas

This Day in History

April 1, 1865 - During the American [Civil War](#), Confederate troops of General George Pickett were defeated and cut off at Five Forks, Virginia. This sealed the fate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's armies at Petersburg and Richmond and hastened the end of the war

April 2, 1865 - General [Robert E. Lee](#) informed Confederate President Jefferson Davis that he must evacuate the Confederate capital at Richmond, Virginia. Davis and his cabinet then fled by train.

April 2, 1982 - The beginning of the Falkland Islands War as troops from Argentina invaded and occupied the British colony located near the tip of South America. The British retaliated and defeated the Argentineans on June 15, 1982, after ten weeks of combat, with about 1,000 lives lost.

April 3, 1948 - President [Harry S. Truman](#) signed the European Recovery Program, better known as the Marshall Plan, intended to stop the spread of Communism and restore the economies of European countries devastated by World War II. Over four years, the program distributed \$12 billion to the nations of Western Europe. The program was first proposed by Secretary of State George C. Marshall during a [historic speech](#) at Harvard University on June 5, 1947.

April 4, 1949 - Twelve nations signed the [treaty](#) creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations united for common military defense against the threat of expansion by Soviet Russia into Western Europe.

April 5, 1986 - A bomb exploded at a popular discotheque frequented by American military personnel in West Berlin, killing two U.S. soldiers and a Turkish woman. American intelligence analysts attributed the attack to Muammar Qaddafi of Libya. Nine days later, President Ronald Reagan ordered a retaliatory air strike against Libya.

April 9, 1865 - After over 500,000 American deaths, the Civil War effectively ended as General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House. The surrender occurred in the [home of Wilmer McLean](#). Terms of the surrender, written by General Grant, allowed Confederates to keep their horses and return home. Officers were allowed to keep their swords and side arms.

April 10, 1942 - During [World War II in the Pacific](#), the Bataan Death March began as American and Filipino prisoners were forced on a six-day march from an airfield on Bataan to a camp near Cabanatuan. Some 76,000 Allied POWs including 12,000 Americans were forced to walk

60 miles under a blazing sun without food or water to the POW camp, resulting in over 5,000 American deaths.

April 10, 1945 - The Nazi concentration camp at [Buchenwald was liberated](#) by U.S. troops. Located near Weimar in Germany, Buchenwald was established in July 1937 to hold criminals and was one of the first major concentration camps. It later included Jews and homosexuals and was used as a slave labor center for nearby German companies. Of a total of 238,980 Buchenwald inmates, 56,545 perished. Following its liberation, Supreme Allied Commander, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and other top U.S. commanders visited the sub-camp at Ohrdruf. U.S. Troops also forced German civilians from nearby towns into the camp to view the carnage.

April 11 - American orator Edward Everett (1794-1865) was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts. In 1863, at the dedication of the Gettysburg Battlefield, he delivered the main address, lasting two hours. He was then followed by President Abraham Lincoln who spoke for about two minutes delivering the Gettysburg Address.

April 12, 1861 - The American [Civil War](#) began as Confederate troops under the command of General [Pierre Beauregard](#) opened fire at 4:30 a.m. on [Fort Sumter](#) in Charleston, South Carolina.

April 14, 1986 - U.S. warplanes, on orders from President [Ronald Reagan](#), bombed the Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghazi in retaliation for the April 5th terrorist bombing of a discotheque in West Berlin in which two American soldiers were killed. Among the 37 persons killed in the air raid was the infant daughter of Muammar Qaddafi, Libya's head of state.

April 17, 1961 - A U.S.-backed attempt to overthrow Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba failed disastrously in what became known as the Bay of Pigs fiasco. About 1,400 anti-Castro exiles invaded the island's southern coast along the Bay of Pigs but were overrun by 20,000 Cuban soldiers and jailed. Trained and guided by the U.S., the exiles had expected support from U.S.

military aircraft and help from anti-Castro insurgents on the island. Instead, due to a series of mishaps, they had fended for themselves with no support. The failed invasion heightened Cold War tensions between Cuba's political ally, Soviet Russia, and the fledgling administration of President John F. Kennedy. The following year, the Russians brazenly installed nuclear missiles in Cuba resulting in the Cuban Missile Crisis.

April 18, 1775 - The [Midnight Ride](#) of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 18, 1942 - The first air raid on mainland Japan during World War II occurred as General James Doolittle led a squadron of B-25 bombers [taking off](#) from the carrier Hornet to bomb Tokyo and three other cities. Damage was minimal, but the raid boosted Allied morale following years of unchecked Japanese military advances.

April 19, 1775 - At dawn in Massachusetts, about 70 armed militiamen stood face to face on Lexington Green with a British advance guard unit. An unordered 'shot heard around the world' began the [American Revolution](#). A volley of British rifle fire was followed by a charge with bayonets leaving eight Americans dead and ten wounded.

April 19, 1943 - Jews in the [Warsaw Ghetto](#) staged an armed revolt against Nazi SS troops attempting to forcibly deport them to death camps.

April 21, 1836 - The Battle of San Jacinto between Texans led by [Sam Houston](#) and Mexican forces led by Santa Anna took place near present day Houston. The Texans decisively defeated the Mexican forces thereby achieving independence.

April 21, 1918 - During [World War I](#), the Red Baron (Manfred von Richtofen) was shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme. He was credited with 80 kills in less than two years, flying a red Fokker triplane. British pilots

recovered his body and buried him with full military honors.

April 22, 1864 - "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

April 26, 1937 - During the Spanish Civil War, the ancient town of Guernica was attacked by German warplanes. After destroying the town in a three-hour bombing raid, the planes machine-gunned fleeing civilians.

April 27, 1865 - On the Mississippi River, the worst steamship disaster in U.S. history occurred as an explosion aboard the *Sultana* killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union soldiers who had been prisoners of war and were returning home.

April 28, 1945 - Twenty-three years of Fascist rule in Italy ended abruptly as Italian partisans shot former Dictator Benito Mussolini. Other leaders of the Fascist Party and friends of Mussolini were also killed along with his mistress, Clara Petacci. Their bodies were then hung upside down and pelted with stones by jeering crowds in Milan.

April 28 - [James Monroe](#) (1758-1831) the 5th U.S. President was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He served two terms from 1817 to 1825 and is best known for the Monroe Doctrine which declared the U.S. would not permit any European nation to extend its holdings or use armed force in North or South America.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for the Bulletin is the 14th of the month until we get back to normal monthly meetings. If it is possible to get articles earlier, it would be very much appreciated. With all that is going on we will be flexible.

Email articles to cbjerkaas@cox.net

Thank you.

Carlton Bjerkaas, Editor

Massing of the Colors 2022

Companion Fred Garnett Presents Certificates to Sun City Festival Veteran's club members.

A special thank you to the Festival Veteran's Club for their support, help and donation of time to make the Chapter 131 Massing of The Colors and Service of Remembrance a huge success. "It's better to serve and be served"!



(L-R) Ken Blanchard (President) Gary Parr, Fred Gallagher, Rusty Dove.
Mike Messenger and Randy Parr

SPECIAL FEATURE

The U.S. Coast Guard in Iraq

Capt. Bill Pike Updated: May 26, 2021 Original: Jun 1, 2003



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The Good Guys

What it was like to be in Iraq with the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard.

What really blew me away was that all 39 were reservists--men and women, firemen and cops, with a dozen college kids mixed in. From Tacoma, Washington, or thereabouts. With mortgages. Backyard cookouts. PTA meetings. Sunday football on TV. And all the other stuff that goes with being an average American.

Yet here they were smack dab in the middle of a war, Port Security Unit 313 of the U. S. Coast Guard, a relatively recent kind of detachment belonging to a branch of the armed forces that's

constantly diversifying these days, adapting to a world increasingly threatened by terrorism and fast, furious wars in far-away places.

They called the spot they were assigned MAYBOT, a suitably apocalyptic-sounding acronym that stands for Mina al-Bakr Oil Terminal. For years Saddam Hussein had used it to get the crude oil of southern Iraq into supertankers and concomitantly boost the wealth of his regime. At one end of the rambling, ramshackle structure, a huge portrait of the dictator hung aloft, symbolically upended now, above the entrance to what the cops among the Coasties called "The Crack House." A multistory living quarters now serving as a barracks, it stank, despite ongoing efforts to disinfect and clean it. And although the Iraqi soldiers who'd lived there were gone, rats, cockroaches, and refuse remained.

I stood by a roaring old Caterpillar generator, below Hussein's portrait, looking north. Beyond the green shallows of the Iraqi coast lay the mouths of two big rivers, the Khawr Abd Allah, descending from the port town of Umm Qasr, and the narrower Shatt al-Arab, which serves the city of Basra. It was in Basra that Hussein's 394-foot yacht *Al-Mansur* had just been hit by coalition pilots using laser-guided bombs. They'd been aiming for her state-of-the-art communications systems but hadn't minded trashing her oak-paneled staterooms, glass-domed atrium, and mother-of-pearl toilet paper holders, either.

I reflected on a rather pivotal question, the same one that had been repeatedly posed by the folks on the succession of military ships, helicopters, and patrol boats that had brought me here. Why would a guy like me, who works for a magazine like *Power & Motoryacht*, come to a broken-down, old oil terminal that's perched on the edge of a war?

The answer was simple. *PMY* is a recreational marine magazine and, like most others, we periodically do stories about the Coast Guard and the contributions it makes to the enjoyment and the safety of recreational boating in the United States. Iraq, at the moment, was the biggest, fattest Coast Guard story ever, and it was, for some strange reason, going largely unreported. More to the point, the fact that there were 650 Coasties--along with four 110-foot patrol boats, a buoy tender, a couple of port security units like the 313th, and the 378-foot cutter *Boutwell*-- on the firing line here was news to everyone I'd mentioned it to, stateside. Most everybody's response had been, "What's the Coast Guard doing in Iraq?"

Describing the night I spent on MAYBOT may help explain. It commenced soon after I finished examining the Iraqi coastline from my vantagepoint by the generator. Having put in most of the day roaming the terminal's hodgepodge of rusted pipes and bullet-riddled walkways, a leftover from the war with Iran during the 1980's, I was hungry and tired. So I hit the first-floor mess hall, tore open an MRE (Meal Ready to Eat), and devoured it with characteristic fervor. Then, after shooting the breeze with my Coastie hosts for a while, I trundled three flights up to bed.

My room had only recently been occupied by Iraqi troops. Junk was strewn about. Smelly lockers lined one wall and smelly bunks the other. A dirty window at the far end rattled in the gritty wind and



shed a spooky glow over the "facilities"--an old-fashioned French-style bit of plumbing with a bucket of questionable water nearby. The lock on the door had been blown away with a shotgun.

"I hope you'll be okay in here," said Lieutenant Commander Jim Howatson, MAYBOT's head honcho and, in another life, a Tacoma city police captain. Handing me a plastic poncho to serve as both sheet and blanket, he solicitously straightened a dirty rag on the floor--a sort of rug in Howatson's mind, apparently. It was a strange yet thoughtful gesture which was entirely characteristic of him. Earlier Howatson had shown me a grimy storeroom absurdly stacked with boxes of fine china. "I assume these dishes belong to someone," he'd explained. "So, I'm taking the same approach I do to police work back home--I'm protecting private property."

I lay awake a long time after Howatson left. A thunder and lightning storm that was just cranking up probably had something to do with my sleeplessness. Besides casting eerie shadows across the piles of Iraqi gas masks and rucksacks in the corner, it was a not-so-subtle reminder of the way things were all around me.

There was a war going on. A raft of firing positions was set up around the terminal, each bristling with machine guns, each crewed by hometown Americans. And these folks were, at the moment, sitting in the rain, peering into the murk, looking and listening for "suicide boats," among other things, like the one that had just been found upriver, loaded to the gunnels with explosives and ringed with strings of contact-actuated detonators, Christmas-tree style. Of course, there was nothing I could do about such grim realities, so I attempted to think of other things, things I'd seen over the past several days, things I hoped would help me begin to grasp the Coast Guard's role here.

I started with the prisoners. MAYBOT had been the first thing captured in the war. Navy SEALs had taken it, quickly and with little resistance. Although the Iraqis onboard had reportedly been charged with blowing up the terminal and rupturing its pipelines in the event of an American assault, they'd surrendered instead. "There was a major with them," Howatson had explained in the mess hall earlier, "and he decided to disobey orders--he wanted to prevent an environmental catastrophe and preserve the terminal for the future of Iraq."

It fell to the Coasties, who arrived on the heels of the SEALs, to guard the POWs, some 40 of them, for a few days until they could be taken south to a Navy hospital ship. Most of the them were mere boys, 17 or 18 years old, half-starved and terrified.

"I rendered medical care right away," said health specialist Ben Mulkey of Portland, Oregon. "Gave `em MREs, candy, and cigarettes. Everybody got an IV, too--they were all pretty dehydrated. They kept saying thank you and shaking my hand."

Laying in my bunk, wrapped in the same kind of poncho I'd used as an infantryman in Vietnam, it was easy to empathize with a teenage Iraqi soldier lying in the same spot, wondering whether he'd live to see his next meal. And it was also easy to understand the relief he'd likely felt upon meeting Doc Mulkey for the first time.

At one o'clock, I got up and went to the window to peer into the darkness. The *Boutwell* was out there...somewhere. I'd spent a few days aboard her as well. She was a happy ship with a crew of youngsters headed up by a tough but fatherly captain, Scott Genovese of Boston. "The amazing thing is that most of the crew on here now--they're just kids, really," he told me one evening as we stood on the bridge. "But they're worthy of our nation's pride and respect. Big time!"

Besides running interference for MAYBOT, the *Boutwell* had been ordered to keep tabs on fishing boats and freighters at the mouths of the rivers, the point being to interdict Al-Qaeda operatives and fleeing Iraqi leadership without causing a ruckus with Iran, a neutral neighbor understandably skittish about having tons of U.S. military right next door.

I went along on a boarding with Ensign Brian Bartlett and a thoroughly armed but tactful boarding team. The objective: to check out an Iranian freighter just leaving the Shatt al-Arab. Our transportation: a Yanmar-powered Zodiac RIB that topped out around 40 mph.

The experience was typical of most, I was told. Bartlett was affable from the first, waving the freighter down with a smile. M-16s were left bracketed on the radar arch, and so was the sawed-off shotgun. Beretta pistols remained holstered. The freighter labored along like an old, heavily laden pack animal as we pulled alongside. Although an underlying tension did exist--a sense that literally anything could happen--everything was cool. The freighter's crew was all smiles, and the captain had the correct documents. "Goodbye," Bartlett grinned as we zoomed away at last, leaving behind several Iranian nationals who seemed sold on Americans, or at least on the American Coast Guard.

As I lay beneath my poncho, continuing to try to fall asleep, one last thing occurred to me: an encounter I'd had some days before with the thoroughly English captain of the British frigate *HMS Chatham*, Michael Cochrane, sector commander for operations involving both the *Boutwell* and MAYBOT. Cochrane had been both comedic and incisive.

"*Power & Motoryacht*, eh?" he smiled, while sipping tea in his sitting room. "Yes. Yes. I have a rather large motoryacht here myself. Shall we see what she'll do?"

We virtually raced each other to the bridge. Thereupon Cochrane directed his crew to fire up all four of the ship's Rolls Royce jet turbines and, once they were properly on-line, ordered "full speed ahead" with a flourish. The sense of acceleration that ensued was tremendous, considering the 5,000-ton, 450-foot ship, loaded with artillery, rockets, and Lynx attack helicopters, did zero to wide-open throttle (about 26 knots, as I recall) in just under two minutes. "Right-o," Cochrane admonished finally. "Time to stop now...wasting the Queen's money and all that."

But it was the man's next comment, which promptly turned our interview toward a more serious vein, that really put things into perspective. "You know," he said, looking towards a gaggle of fishing dhows (lateen-rigged Arab motorsailers) coming down from the Shatt al-Arab, "if we're not careful, these people will come to hate us. That's one reason why the Coast Guard's so useful here."

"I'm not sure I quite understand what you mean," I queried.

"Well," Cochrane replied, "white hulls are much less threatening than ominously gray ones, if you get my drift."

"So, the Coast Guard," I concluded, following his line of thought while looking off towards the dhows myself, "they're the good guys."

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