

# WHAT SHUTDOWN?

Coast Guard keeps working during government shutdown without pay



Coast Guard personnel monitor the crab fleet from a C-27 aircraft in this February photo.

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**I**n the midst of a government shutdown with no end in sight, the Coast Guard continues to do the hard work of protecting the waters and people of Clatsop County and the rest of the country. The only difference is, unlike the other branches of the armed forces, they are not getting paid. The Coast Guard is under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, while other branches are part of the U.S. Department of Defense.



Maritime Enforcement Specialists Craig Miller, left, and Ashly Zepeda, right, with the Coast Guard, keep a close eye on the waters of the Columbia River during a patrol with the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office in 2017.



Andrew Schwarzman, right, and Johan Ruiz, left, with the Coast Guard took time to volunteer with approximately 20 of their colleagues to help tend to Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton in 2017.



ABOVE: Aviation Maintenance Technician Chief Greg Banducci with the Coast Guard peers out the window of a helicopter during a flight over the waters off Cannon Beach in 2017.

LEFT: Coast Guard personnel on board the cutter Fir say goodbye to family and friends before heading out to sea in June.