

USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722)

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FROM THE BRIDGE:

CAPTAIN KEVIN O'DAY

Greetings Family and Friends,

Well, as I've grown to expect on this ship and with this great crew, we've been pretty busy so far over the first phase of this patrol. In fact, for about 10 days or so after departing Acajutla, El Salvador, we were busy hunting down, sprinting after and stopping go-fast vessels scattered all over the Eastern Pacific. In fact, we stopped, seized or crippled four of them in about a five day span and spotted and spooked several others in our area because we managed to place ourselves right in the middle of their drug smuggling operations; just where we like to be.



In one case, MORGENTHAU's crew and helicopter did a fabulous job locating our first go-fast vessel down by the Galapagos Islands, and even though this go-fast was not loaded with drugs, I am certain it was involved either as a refueler or pick up vessel of some sort, so our ability to find it, board it and collect information off of it drove the drugs back ashore for another day or another week. It was an interesting case from my perspective, particularly because we continued to push our Tactical Commander to allow us to head further and further south because of our hunches. Well, we were right, and our very capable pilots and air crew located the go fast by flying our Operation Specialist's exceptionally crafted flight plan, the first real helicopter sortie of the patrol, and the go fast was about right where we thought it would be.

After that case, we sprinted more to the north to act as the backstop for several other possible go-fast cases that could be working their way up the Central American coastline. And, as luck and skill would have it, our helicopter spotted several more go-fast vessels over the course of the next three days.

All of them, in the Captain's opinion, were heavily involved, in one way or another, with drug trafficking. Well, the 378 cutter and helicopter proved itself a lethal law enforcement combination once again, as our capable pilots and helo gunner zeroed in on several high speed go-fast boats (both by day and at night), shooting out a total of 7 outboard engines with only 7 shots fired (!!) on three different boats over several days. All of this, as always, was done in strict accordance with U.S. laws for stopping non-compliant vessels at sea suspected of drug smuggling operations.

Well, when the dust finally settled, we had seized approximately 2.5 tons of cocaine and cocaine based crack, took three go-fast drug boats out of action and detained several suspected drug runners. We also, I'm sure, sent a loud and clear message to the drug kingpins from Mexico to Colombia that MORGENTHAU was back in the area, so they best watch out.

So, a great start and first phase of this exciting Eastern Pacific patrol. As I write this newsletter article, we're wrapping up the plans for our operations this afternoon and tonight before we start to make our way to Panama for a much needed patrol break for the crew and logistics stop for the ship. We'll be saying goodbye to several crew members in Panama, which is always hard, and welcoming aboard several new crew members, which is always enjoyable, so, mixed feelings for everyone I'm sure. It should be a great visit and I know the crew is looking forward to it; me too.

Okay, that's my second message. Thank you all again for all your love and support for this outstanding crew. Once again, you have much to be proud of back at home for the work this crew is doing just as we are of you. And as I've said before, but will say it again and again, we absolutely, positively could not do it without you.

"Semper Paratus" – Always Ready "Decus Pacifici" - Pride of the Pacific

Best Regards – Captain Kevin M. O'Day



FROM THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

ENS CHRIS MORRIS

Greetings once again from USCGC MORGENTHAU. This is our first full length e-mail newsletter of our current deployment, coming to you from the Eastern Pacific. This newsletter marks the beginning of another exciting chapter of MORGENTHAU's fight against the cartels and smugglers of Central and South America. During her last Southern Patrol, MORGENTHAU was responsible for the seizure of 282 bales of cocaine (approximately 14,000 lbs) with an estimated street value of \$186 million. Morgenthau detained 9 suspected smugglers, and rescued 57 migrants from an unstable fishing vessel stranded far from land. And so far, our current patrol has been even more exciting than our last. I hope this newsletter provides you with a glimpse of some of the fun we've been having as well as the great accomplishments of the Pacific Area's ship of choice - USCGC MORGENTHAU. And thank you for all your support and positive feedback. Stay tuned for future newsletters this deployment!



-ENS Chris Morris

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

LCDR BRIAN HIGGINS



Hello from MORG's Engineers! Of course that's a long distance hello, as we're on patrol in our always undisclosed location. Our expertly maintained engines are currently doing a fabulous job of pushing our big metal home-away-from-home through the 84 degree waters of wherever we are.

Have there been any Engineering puzzles to solve? You betcha! And we're all over them. Main Prop dealt w/ a squirrely #2 Main Diesel Engine early on, the new engine control unit (called a "governor") we installed wasn't playing nice & had MKCM Engle & MK1 Childers' undivided attention.. Shortly thereafter, we developed a problem w/ 2 fuel injectors on our #2 Ship Service Diesel Generator (SSDG). The 2 SSDGs provide power to the entire ship for



All ahead flank! 27.2 knots, not too shabby.

important electronics such as X-Boxes & Playstations, so this repair was important! And it was nothing a little MK3 Gogo & MK3 Denman magic couldn't solve,

w/ an assist from the deep well of knowledge that is MK1 Meachum, all backed up by a FN Nevarez soundtrack. 3/C Cadet Temple even pitched in, cutting gaskets for the effort.



FN Mike Lowe tries to determine which is heavier, a drop light or his wrench... Note MK3 Ben Denman working in the background.

With those issues behind us, Main Prop focused on other important tasks, like drinking gallons of water to avoid heat stress in the sometimes 130 temps! Yes, FN Inwood & FN Olsen love to stay hydrated & also took turns playing twister w/ the bilge pipes during a recent NO2 Fire Pump removal. MK3 Denman & FN Clark are locked in a struggle to see who can become the strongest Engineer down in the gym, while FN Rivera enjoyed the spoils of being last month's non-rate of the month. This group of wrench-turning equipment-fixing Main Prop ninjas continues to take down the day-to-day engine room gremlins like a group of trained professionals... wait, they ARE trained professionals!

The EMs have a new leader in the house, EMC Knizeski. He has kept them busy these last few weeks, compiling a small mountain's worth of work items while the EMs hack away at it with all the vigor of Paul Bunyan in Sequoia National Forest... the other night EM2 Compton, EM3 Douglas & EM3 Torres were pulling level sensors out of our icky aft grey-water tank, these sensors usually vibrate off when turbines are running, forcing a nasty post-turbine op tradition. But they're positive about it, which is key! EM2



Prop wash from two gas turbines! And for the last time, no, FN Branson, you may not wakeboard behind MORGENTHAU!

Ieronimo fixed the Oily Water Separator, bringing tears of happiness to the eyes of his EO (that's me). EM1 Raffino continues blasting away at quals, & EM3 Torres is a new dad, making this patrol both memorable & difficult at the same time.

A-gang, led by King Conable (Fuel Oil Water King, that is) & his apprentice MK3 Knepp, pulled off the longest fueling evolution in recent memory, bringing more than 70,000 gallons of clear & bright diesel on via truck over a 10-hour period of non-stop fun. Later that night, MKC Buckley was seen laughing outside during a punishing El Salvadorian Monsoon complete w/ blasts of lightning, clearly enjoying the awesome storm while disappointed that we had to pause fueling when the locals scattered. They later returned & we



Before the storm (above)... During (below)



finished up around 0200. Pulling a late night were 1/C Cadet Aten, FN Williams, Branson & Myler. And all that was followed by a 0545 wakeup! Now that we have our Helo, we have activated our ever-popular purple-shirted refueling crew, led by FN Greer, Orio & Lowe and assisted by 1/C Cadet Barna. A-gang was even able to refuel a 174' patrol boat, giving them 6,000 gallons over 3 hours. That refueling again ended in an hour-long monster downpour that soaked everyone involved. And again, the rain was warm but the drops were big enough to sting... life on the fueling team is always exciting! And we cannot forget our multitasking LE team mbr / interpreter / barber / throttleman / reefer tech, MK2 Cabrera. Watching all of this controlled chaos is MK2 Miller,



MK2 Eduardo Cabrera on the throttles while his personal bodyguard DC3 Albert Serrano gives the cameraman an uneasy look.

just reported aboard & knocking out quals faster than a Chuck Norris roundhouse kick (OK, maybe not THAT fast). Meanwhile, MK3 Maher (Recently promoted! Congrats!) & his sidekick FN Webb should be winging their way back to MORG after spending several weeks at Boarding Team Member school, learning how to fight bad guys LE style. Yes, we are big fans of cross-training in the engine room.

DCs have been crazy busy. DCC Cox has led his men through more welding & training than most humans could survive. DC3 Heilmann is breaking in w/ the proximity suit for flight ops (affectionately termed the baked potato suit) at all hours of the day & night, in support of anti go-fast operations. DC3 Kreutzkamp, the newest addition, has been busy teaching everyone how to pronounce his name & discussing water polo w/ ENS Colby. Along w/ putting in ridiculous hours getting qualified. Finally, DC3 Serrano is busy lobbying to get welding added as an Olympic sport when he is not training everyone on anything that is even remotely related to Damage Control.

Behind the scenes, LTJG Hall is plowing through an impressive sea of admin, while his new roommate LTJG Escobedo has been on the bridge qualifying as U/W OOD, an impressive feat that has caused many Engineers to question his sanity! Come back to the engine room, Vincent!

So as we wind down from this leg of the patrol, we are eagerly anticipating a port call, the first legit port call in 29 days. Until then, the Engineers continue to conduct fantastic feats of mechanical & electrical skill fueled by chocolate, coffee, Monster, Red bull, and in the case of FN Inwood, gallons & gallons of milk.

-Submitted by LCDR Brian Higgins

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS LT MICHAEL FISHER

Without remiss, I must let the Operations Department "ghost writer" have his way with words. If like me it takes you a few readings to understand what he is saying, don't worry. I was privy to the events that inspired such a twisted yarn and I am still scratching my head. Remember, with sailors, only half is the truth and the other half is a grand exaggeration. As I will be heading back to shore before the next edition arrives, I must have my fill of half truths and grand exaggerations before it is too late, or do these stories become even grander (at least in our own minds) and more exaggerated as sailors we are forced to land?



After three years on this grand vessel I must thank the best Crew and Department an Operations Officer could ask for (absolutely not, a half-truth or grand exaggeration).

Thanks!
LT Michael Fisher

Now, without further ado...

A funny thing happened on our way to the Eastern Pacific... We went to drop off a shipmate and ended up finding some new ones. Er... then again... that's not completely accurate. Strike that. We're not going to necessarily call our guests 'shipmates'. The (regretful maritime entrepreneurs) that we extricated from the



Yeah, I'm in a band...CWO2 Jason Brooks, ET2 Dan Nelson, and ET3 Paul Krug live from the hanger.

clutches of their precarious position, as a matter of fact, are probably less than inspired to be in our company in the first place. Especially since it was we who punched holes into *their* engines, thereby creating said precarious position. They in turn repaid us for our philanthropic ardors and gifted us with their rosy charm and redolence. Please note the acute sarcasm...

Which is to say the cargo we offloaded from the bad guys we busted stank, and they were not keen to give it to us. But, barely a week into our patrol, MORGENTHAU scored a pretty good round. It was a great success and it was shared by all. Not a bad way to start a patrol.

Better still, this patrol is a better dance partner than the last one. Not as many abrupt tempo changes or odd requests called out from the shady light of the mini-bar. (think Hawaiian music interpreted in the musical stylings of Katherine Hepburn... It's just not what you were expecting when you saw the tiki



OSC Marsh is seen outside of radio with a pipe & coffee mug, the perfect image of a Chief.

lights). This patrol seems to have a less frenetic personality. Our Chi is centered, our Feng Shui harmonious. We don't have too much Fire in our Water. We are "strong like bull". Attribute that to the fact that we're not somersaulting through the hullabaloo of CART (Cutter Assessment Readiness Training) and TACT (Tailored Annual

Cutter Training). Yet. Both, ironically, are 4 letter words.

Instead of drills, drills, and more drills, on some of our minds this patrol are the shipmates that we've already parted with and the ones we're about to regale for the last time with poolside sea-stories, mess-deck exaggerations and well-intentioned promises to keep in touch. MORGENTHAU's personality has already changed a little in the churn of yet another transfer season, and there's more yet to come. We're lucky in that our ship's great name has withstood the vicissitudes of the assignment meteor as it swings its orbit and comes careening in every 12 months, just close enough to rock things on the proverbial boat, but without doing any real harm. Unfortunately, some folks put a lot of stock in meteors. Some of them actually consternate themselves fairly busily as they bend and break themselves against the cosmos, desperate to hitch



The man, the myth, the legend. Responsible for taking out seven go-fast outboard engines this patrol with his high powered rifle, AMT2 Chris Winckel locks and loads his pistol before a flight.

the ride of their life. Thankfully, though, they always seem to give themselves away... The Heaven's Gate amateur astral travel fan club, for instance, had a tight infrastructure, they all wore the same color t-shirts and trousers and... uh oh.

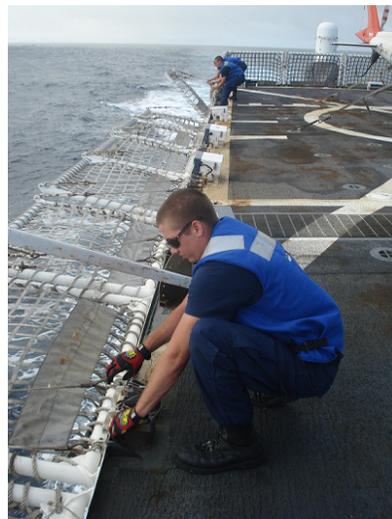
I'll be happy just to get to our next port call... those poolside sea stories aren't going to tell themselves.

For those who are with us, we're glad to have you. For those that left, or are soon to depart, we wish you the very best. The party that is service aboard MORGENTHAU is a good one and not to be missed. Best of all, you don't need to drink the ceremonial Kool-aid to catch a ride.

-Submitted by CWO2 Jason Brooks

WEAPONS DEPARTMENT NEWS LTJG JOSIAH STARR

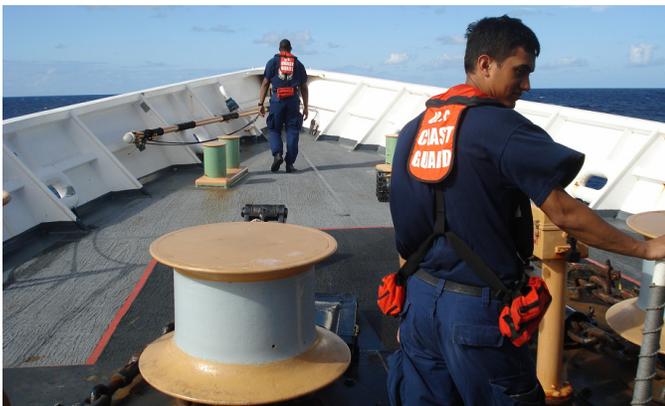
Howdy from your friendly Weapons Department onboard the impeccable Warship 722! As the Weapons Department head, I'm quite proud of the work we've accomplished within this short time underway. As I have just recently assumed the responsibilities of the Weapons Officer, I have made it a priority to continue the standard of excellence set by my predecessor, LTJG Ryan Waters. The amount of sacrifice the men & women aboard the mighty MORGENTHAU contribute daily to preserve our union, is simply amazing. Some of America's best and brightest are out here in the Pacific Ocean, standing as sentries, protecting our beloved homeland. Personnel within our department have been working feverously in order to maintain our overall operational readiness.



Now set Flight Quarters Condition 1! SN John Moisant secures a flight deck net

nemeses. Everyone is envisioning the missions that need to get done and how they would do it. All the crewmembers are getting mentality and physically ready for the unforeseen challenges that await us. In simple terms, our folks are getting their "game faces" on. Scenarios are being rehearsed over and over in order to acclimatize new personnel to the point of expertise and utmost efficiency. On the flip side, our more seasoned

MORGENTHAU sailors are using these opportunities as refreshers, all while introducing their new crew members to life onboard a 378. We are all beginning to operate like a well-oiled machine. It's a beautiful sight to witness a crew of varied ranks, backgrounds, skill sets, and personalities, mold into unison. I feel comfortable in our ability to perform at the maximum of our capabilities. Drug traffickers BEWARE! We are ready to do the "king's business". It's game time!



SNBM Daniel Brown trains SN Steve Sims in the ways of Boatswains Mate of the Watch.



GM3 Carpenter hides behind her book with other Weapons Department members of the flight deck fire team.

In the Weapons Dept, our early stages during this deployment have been filled with helicopter & small boat operations, drills, and a myriad of required military training. This being my first experience onboard a WHEC, I can only describe it as something akin to my days as a basketball player. It's feels similar to that week of practices before the biggest game of the season. It has the feel of a rivalry week, like Duke vs. North Carolina, the Cowboys vs. the Redskins, Yankees vs. the Red Sox, or any of your hated cross town

Beside all the operational preparations we have been performing, one of our most important jobs has been to ensure the mighty MORGENTHAU remains seaworthy. On a ship with this many years of service, its material condition is monumentally imperative. This ship provides us with both a refuge from the harsher elements of the ocean and a reliable platform to execute our inherently hazardous missions. A broad amount of the upkeep for CGC MORGENTHAU falls upon members within our Deck Division. These young sailors have been performing some standout work! They have been busy sanding, priming, and painting areas of the ship that are in need of some tender love and care. One shining example has been our gym. By any standard, we have one of the better gyms compared to other Cutter's in the fleet. Our Deck Force has contributed to this by putting in the extra time to ensure

our gym remains in exceptional condition. Great job sailors! We are definitely heading in the right direction; let's keep focusing on making Warship 722, the envy of the fleet.

Our GM's & FT's have been working a good amount of hours to ensure our weapons systems will be ready to be called upon when it is time for CGC MORGENTHAU and her crew to defend ourselves. Weapons systems have been examined, gun & rifles have been cleaned, and ammunition has been counted twice for accuracy. Good work ladies & gentlemen, you're steady and consistent work has not & will not go unnoticed.

Two values I have focused on since becoming WEPS are pride & professionalism. I'm sure the Weapons Department as a whole has found that these are my two favorite words! This month, one of our many standout seamen from Deck Force has distinguished himself when he was elected "Non-rate of the month". Congratulations on your achievement SN Schiessal, keep up the motivated work.



BM3 Jeffrey Sheibels & SN Matthew Schroder conduct some checks on Morg 1 as we launch the Helo.

work then a great meal. Let's check out our Food Service Division...

Being a Food Service Specialist often allows your creative side full reign. In recent patrols, the FS's have gotten to cook some really neat things for the crew. Last patrol, even though we were underway for Christmas, it was a holiday spent cooking five honey hams, nine turkeys, and some delicious garlic mashed potatoes. This patrol is no different with tasty meals every day, and more surprised so come.

Soon the division will be getting a new FS2, which means we'll be saying goodbye to our FS2 "Epi" Garcia. Despite injuries, he's continued being our Jack of the Dust (doing breakouts for the meals). He will be sorely missed.

In the FS division, you have to be passionate about food. *You* try making an omelet in a perfect circle when your griddle moves back and forth with the waves! But the FS's somehow get it done. Overall, it's been a good patrol so far, with outstanding food, fun morale events, and lots of learning. The FS division looks forward to the rest of this patrol, and many more after that with our fun "other family."

Now, here's some insight on what goes on in the YN world of work. Even though they were extremely busy working on people's orders, YNC James took a few minutes to comment on our fabulous Yeoman...

-Submitted by LTJG Josiah Starr

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT NEWS CWO2 JAMES O'BRIEN

Hello again. Here we are out in the Eastern Pacific doing what we do best, working for our Crew. As you read we will bring you up to date on the latest greatest happenings in our department. While easily the smallest department on board MORGENTHAU we have a gigantic job. The sixteen members of the department are always busy taking care of and making sure the crew is healthy, eating right, getting to or leaving the ship, and that they have the proper equipment and supplies to get the job done. That said, let's jump right in and take a look at the Medical Division.

Providing medical support for us on this patrol is HSC Rocky Gipson. He comes to us temporarily from the commissioning crew of Coast Guard Cutter BERTHOLF (WMSL-750) in Alameda. HSC Gipson brings with him more than 16 years of Coast Guard service and experience, 14 of which he has worked in the Health Care Field of the Coast Guard. He enjoys training our crew in various first aid procedures as well as working hard to provide and plan for the medical needs of our crew at all times should they need it.

Working closely with HSC Gipson is a new member to our crew. HS3 Barry Pittman reports to CGC MORGENTHAU after recently completing HS "A" school in Petaluma, California. HS3 Pittman is originally from Florida, he enjoys working out, fishing, and hunting and looks forward to working with the crew during his time aboard MORGENTHAU. Welcome aboard to both of you! Speaking of healers, nothing makes you feel better after a hard day's



SN Wayne Benson, when not striking YN, can be found on the fantail wearing a sound powered phone.

YN2 Kellehar and YN3 Prince have work diligently throughout this transfer season to ensure the departing members receive their PCS orders and travel entitlements in a timely fashion. Their role is to ensure that each member has the information required to make our shipmates transfers as stress-free as possible. We currently have over 40 personnel transferring, discharging, or being released from active duty.

We also had 25 newly reported personnel. YN2 Kellehar and YN3 Prince counseled and assisted all incoming members with their travel claims, SGLI, and housing entitlements. Throughout this time, their performance was commended by numerous members of the crew despite the constant last minute changes. We would also like to officially welcome SN



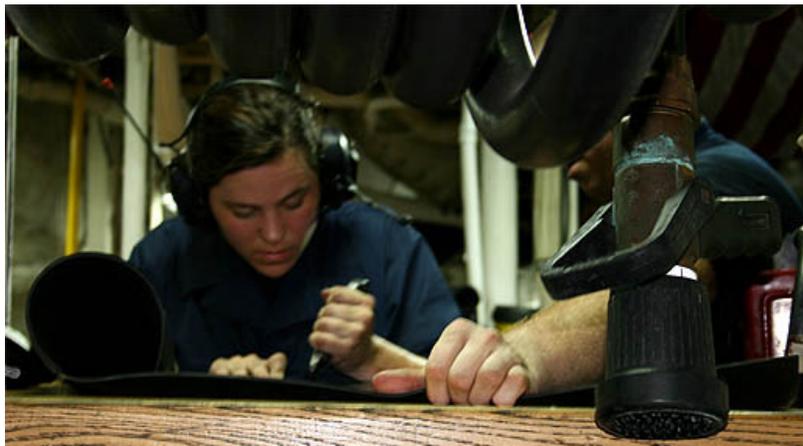
SK division on the fantail. (from left to right- SK2 Healy, SK3 Dean, SK1 Sorensen, SK3 Matta, and FN Gillespie.

Benson to the ship's office. He is currently striking Yeoman. This has been an extremely busy patrol for the Ships Office. Transfer season is difficult enough when we are in home port. Now add in having to fly people in and out of foreign countries often with last minute changes! Normally that would be a recipe for disaster, but not for our Yeoman Division. They just call it part of a days work.

The SK shop experienced a Change of Command just after getting underway; and we all know that with every Change of Command a new approach to the job is coming up. But the shop is not only changing, it's also evolving... SK1 Sorensen brought a sack of good ideas to keep on improving our work. Our Supply Officer, Mr. O'Brien, just finished two weeks of training on Acquisition.

As usual the SK's made sure that Morgenthau was ready to sail by getting all the materiel that the crew requires to complete all the missions that we might face while on open seas.

Mr. O'Brien, has been keeping a sharp eye on how things get done, helping us to look at our job with a different perspective. SK1 Sorensen encourages the training sessions, where one of us gets a specific topic to study, research and explain. SK2 Healy has been teaching SK3 Matta how to use the tools he learned in "A" School. And when it comes down to work non-stop, SK3 Dean and FN Gillespie are undefeatable. At the end of the day we are getting our job done better and faster, and that shows in the faces of our happy customers- aka shipmates.



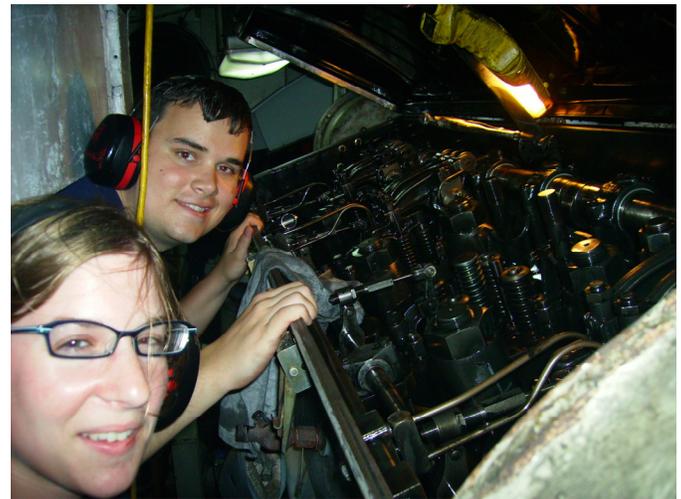
3/c Cadet Frankie Temple Cutting a gasket.

Another thing that really helps everybody out is the attitude in the shop. We are not in high spirits 24/7, but our morale is definitely sky-scraping. In our shop you'll always find a label machine, a grease pen, someone to get the parts that your department (or another cutter) needs, a smile, a compliment, a better way to do your job, a new dance movement or someone to talk to.

In other words, this is going to be a great patrol.

-Submitted by CWO2 James O'Brien

CADETS: SOUTHPAT 2007



1/c Cadets Brandon Aten and Tenley Barna check out the #2 SSDG.

Happy summer greetings to all from the Coast Guard Academy cadets. There will be 14 cadets setting foot on this experienced and seasoned cutter. 1/c Brandon Aten, 1/c Tenley Barna, 3/c Ann Dolinar, 3/c Rebecca Gentile, 3/c Chris Grabe, 3/c Kris Lopez, 3/c Doug Neuman, 3/c Tim Olah, 3/c Jackie Ramirez, 3/c Dan Sorby, 3/c Adam Stanek, and 3/c Frankie Temple will be on for the entire patrol while 1/c Lauren Tumulty and 1/c Laura Williams will be staying six weeks each.

When we initially boarded the Morgenthau you could say that we imitated the look of a deer in the headlights, but after three weeks onboard, things are running great and we are grateful to be a part of such an exceptional crew. To ensure we collect as much experience as possible, we have been divided into engineering and deck divisions. Under the wing of Morgenthau's experienced crew, 1/c Brandon Aten and 1/c Lauren Tumulty were able to qualify for quartermaster of the watch (QMOW), 3/c Ann Dolinar, 3/c Chris Grabe, 3/c Kris Lopez, 3/c Rebecca Gentile, 3/c Doug Neuman, and 3/c Tim Olah were able to qualify for helm/lookout, and 1/c Tenley Barna, 3/c Dan

Sorby, 3/c Adam Stanek, 3/c Jackie Ramirez, and 3/c Frankie Temple were able to qualify for engineering security watch stander. From there, we will continue to learn from the crew what it takes to keep Morgenthau running, and how Morgenthau completes its mission.

A week ago, we were able to see the Morgenthau in action multiple times pursuing go fast vessels, and the crew performed flawlessly each time. Two and a half metric tons of drugs off the streets isn't too bad for a day's work. We believe that the drug smugglers are already getting sick of seeing the cutter with the 722 hull number. We would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer, and we are looking forward to writing future newsletters on our experiences and perspectives aboard the "Pride of the Pacific."

-Submitted by 1/c Cadet Brandon Aten

FEATURE: SOUTHPAT 2007

While MORGENTHAU has been busy taking down go-fasts in the Eastern Pacific, ENS Chad Conrad and the moral committee have been hard at work planning moral events. From traditional casino & bingo nights to new ones never seen before, the moral committee has been keeping us entertained.

For the first moral night, the officers came out strong with Stadium Night round two, this time perfecting their recipes from last patrol (the pretzels looked like pretzels this time around). The long line for chili cheese dogs, made us feel like we were actually in a stadium. The moral night was capped off with the first ever MORGENTHAU Table-Top Paper Football Tournament. There was some stiff competition, but eventually ENS Rick Colby emerged victorious.



In a vicious battle, ENS Colby takes on SN May before advancing to the finals.

The next moral night was hosted by the Chiefs- round two of breakfast for dinner. Our Chiefs are firm believers that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, especially when it is served for dinner. Just like last patrol, they outdid themselves with a delicious meal.

The most recent moral night was hosted by Operations Department. And the theme was...um...meatballs? Technically there may have not been a theme, but the food turned out great with some new recipes put into action, such as pigs in a blanket (sausages wrapped in pancakes), home-made meatballs, and assorted wings. After dinner, was Casino Night- high rollers came out to play roulette, blackjack, and Texas hold'em poker. FN Manny Ontiveros dominated at the Texas hold'em tables, and after taking everyone else's money emerged as the winner of casino night, winning a new Playstation 2.



The winner of Casino Night, FN Manny Ontiveros- commonly mistaken for a World Serious of Poker player.

SK2 Brynn Healy helped everyone become a little more familiar through the "Get to know your crew" contest. Moral prizes were awarded for correctly matching facts with people, but the best prize was learning little know extraordinary facts about some of our shipmates. For example who would

have guessed that XO was in the Girl Scouts for 5 years, Captain was a chess champion, FS3 Luis Noriega used to be a professional wrestler, and HSC Rocky Gipson set the record in his hometown for the most electrical volts moving through the human body, flying a kite into a 7,500 volt power line- somebody call the corpsman! Oh no! HSC is the Corpsman!

In other news, MORGENTHAU's crew has continued to work together flawlessly this patrol, a good example of this was the short-notice Replenishment at Sea of USCGC ZEPHYR, during which Deck Force learned firsthand just how wet the "rainy season" can be, tending a hose in a drenching squall that lasted for at least an hour. Talk about a "fresh water wash down"... There are hundreds of other stories to be told, and we will let it be for now, as our bandwidth is limited and there is work to be done...but there will be plenty more to talk about next time. Until then, we will continue to work hard to give you the biggest bang possible for your tax dollars!

CREW RECOGNITION:



At quarters, LTJG Vincent Escobedo receives the highest qualification attainable on MORGENTHAU- Underway OOD.

- 1/c Cadet Brandon Aten qualified Quarter Master of the Watch
- 1/c Cadet Tenley Barna qualified Security Watchstander
- ENS James Bennett qualified Generator Watchstander & Basic DCPQS
- SN Wayne Benson qualified as a Temporary Cutterman
- FA Justin Branson qualified Security Watchstander
- GM2 Dara Carpenter qualified Advanced DCPQS (AFF + Investigator)



Captain O'Day commends SN Schiessel at quarters for his selection as "Non-Rate of the Month"

- SN Brendant Butler qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- FA Kevin Clark advanced to Fireman
- SN Kory Clifton was awarded a Letter of Commendation
- BMCS Darren Davis was awarded a Coast Guard Achievement Medal
- SK3 Donald Dean qualified Advanced DCPQS (AFFF + Investigator)
- MK3 Benjamin Denman qualified Generator Watchstander
- SN Sandra Derk qualified Underway Boatswains Mate of the Watch
- 3/c Cadet Ann Dolinar qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- LTJG Vincent Escobedo qualified as Underway Officer of the Deck, nicely done Vincent!
- SN Julio Espinal qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- SN Dustin Ford qualified Underway Boatswains Mate of the Watch
- SN Anthony Garvin qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- 3/c Cadet Rebecca Gentile qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- SN Garrett Green qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- 3/c Cadet Chris Grabe qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- ETC Jody Hildreth qualified Landing Signal Officer
- SN Nathan Hoyt qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- SN Jeffrey Judge qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- SN Erick Kelley qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- OS2 Kyle Kelsey qualified Advanced DCPQS (AFFF + Investigator)
- EMC Christopher Knizeski qualified Underway Engineering of the Watch. Congratulations EMC!
- ET3 Paul Krug qualified Advanced DCPQS (AFFF+Investigator)
- GM2 William Leon advanced to GM1
- FA Michael Lowe qualified Generator Watchstander
- 3/c Cadet Kris Lopez qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- FN Maher advanced to MK3, congratulations Petty Officer Maher!
- OSC Philip Marsh was awarded a Coast Guard Commendation Medal
- SA Hoshi Murphy qualified Helicopter Tiedown Team
- ENS Chris Morris qualified Landing Signal Officer
- 3/c Cadet Doug Neuman qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- 3/c Cadet Tim Olah qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- 3/c Cadet Jackie Ramirez qualified Security Watchstander
- SA Steve Sims advanced to Seaman

- 3/c Cadet Dan Sorby qualified Security Watchstander
- 3/c Cadet Adam Stanek qualified Security Watchstander
- 3/c Cadet Frankie Temple qualified Security Watchstander
- EM3 Jamie Torres qualified Security Watchstander
- 1/c Cadet Laura Tumulty qualified Quarter Master of the Watch

Congratulations to SN Jeremiah Schiessel for being selected May's "Non-Rate of the Month"!

We would like to wish fair winds and following seas to two of our departing shipmates:

- BMCS Darren Davis- off to the Pacific Area Training Team.
- SN Clifton- off to BM "A" School.

Last newsletter we forgot to mention our new Radio OSC Sailing with Morgenthau for the first time this patrol:

- OSC Philip Marsh

No go-fast is safe, and high powered engines don't stand a chance against our stellar Aviators joining the fight this patrol:

- LCDR Richard Hancock
- LTJG Chad Eckhardt
- AMT2 Christopher Winckel
- AI Stahl



Last but not least, we'd like to welcome our English teacher, here to help us learn that knowledge:

- Professor Aaron Sims

SHOUT-OUTS FROM THE CREW:

- 1/c Cadet Brandon Aten Sends: "Hey Mom, Dad, Adam, Paula, and Diaz Family!"
- OS2 Dustin Bingham Sends: "Hi honey, everyone here is great. After the sunsets I have seen here we are definitely goin to see some when I come home. I love you WW."
- OS2 Jeremy Borja sends: "Hello sweetie hope you are having a wonderful day! Gabby mamma elephant is doing just fine take care of Bobo for me read him bedtime stories love yall. Hello family back in Texas, hope all is well."
- SN Daniel Brown Sends: "Just wanted to tell my family I miss them and to tell my brother happy belated birthday love you guys, kaniela"



- MKC John Buckley sends: “Barb, I love and miss you. Tiffany, Congratulations on your Graduation, I am proud of you.”
- MK2 Eduardo Cabrera sends: “Hi LOVE miss you I'm just counting the days. Hi MONKEY I miss you good job at school this year, I LOVE YOU. Hey BUBBA I just want you to know that I'm very proud of you, I LOVE YOU. Thank you my love for being strong!!!”
- DCC Russell Cox sends: “Hey Candice, Mom and Dad The patrol is going ok I wish it was over though. Talk to you all soon”
- MK1 Mark Childers sends: “Happy 17th Birthday Brittany. Wish I were there. Mark, keep steady with your school endeavors, it will help you in the future I assure you. Mom, stay cool down south, these summers are not getting better, hope all is well. Natalie, thank you for being good for your mom. Carly, thank you also for being good for your mom. Sheri my love, words cannot express how much I appreciate you holding the fort in my absence. Thank you for being there thru thick and thin. Love you all, your sea daddy, Mark.”
- SK3 Donald Dean sends: “Hello wonderful I love you so very much and miss you and I sure can not wait to come home and hold you tight in my arms again. Hello to every body back in the Deep South I love and miss you all, keep the corn bread warm and the beer cold, me and Peggy will be heading home soon.”
- LT Michael Fisher sends: “Mom, dad, Kristin and Kelli, thanks for all the support you have provided over the past three years while I was on the other side of the country. I am glad you were all able to visit while I live here. Baku is nice, come visit! Love you bunches. Tell everyone at home I say hello and they are in my thoughts and prayers. Friends from the Bay Area, all of you have been such a blessing. I have enjoyed immensely the close friendships I have made. I will have an extra bedroom in Azerbaijan so guests are welcome!”
- BM2 Nathaniel Frazee sends: “Dad, Mom, and Kassie, it is finally over. Thank you for all of your support through the many patrols. No one could ask for a better family. To my Beautiful and Amazing wife, I love you and you have pulled me through. Thank you for your patience and LOVE. Thank you to everyone for the emails, pictures, and prayers, they have kept me alive.”
- 3/c Chris Grabe sends: “Hey”
- ET1 Troy Gracie sends: “Mykaela and Cynthia, I miss you. Hope you're both doing well. Mykaela, I bet that your excited about going into the 4th grade next year. I'll talk to you both soon.”
- OS1 Michael Guerrero sends: “Hello Shar, just wanted to say I love you and I miss you very much. Can't wait to call you and hear your voice. I hope that you three are doing great at home. Hope your feeling better too! Talk to you soon!”
- BMC Michael Haley sends: “Hey Sean, daddy misses you, I'll be home soon. Happy Birthday Cyndi, I love you and I'll make it up to you when I get back.”
- ET3 Michael Hazzard sends: “Hey gang, hope everyone is doing well. Happy Early Birthday Babe, I love you!”
- SK2 Brynn Healy Sends: “Hey Mom and Dad! Can't wait to see you guys when we pull in!! Fayth and Kylie, we are going to that Italian restaurant when we pull in first night, I want some quality food! Dearest hope you're having fun with redecorating. Mike I miss you so much, tell Jayda I miss my wheeling buddy. I will be home before you know it. Love you all and miss you all!”
- BM3 Stephen Hewitt sends: “Greetings to all my family and friends... with I was at Cloud 9 just having a good time. To all my NJ family and friends, stay cool and be safe!”
- FTC Hildreth sends: “Hello Lovey, I miss you and I Love you!”
- OS2 Kyle Kelsey sends: “Stacey, miss you ever so much. You are a super girl and I am thankful for having you. Go get Liam a new toy and throw him in the pool. Tell your parents I say hello and kiss that beautiful niece of yours for me.”
- OS2 Kyle Kelsey sends: “Rich... I owe you one brother... You are a stellar friend... Didn't I tell you way back when the ducks would raise the cup this year????”
- OS2 Kyle Kelsey sends: “Steph... You are the greatest!!! Keep Rich in check and I will absolutely get you a shirt from my trip to RUSSIA!”
- OS2 Kyle Kelsey sends: “Dad, Sue, and Ryan, I miss you guys. I will give you a call when I get home. My email address changed to Kyle.P.Kelsey@uscg.mil. Love you guys.”





- OS2 Kyle Kelsey sends: "Wendy... Your presence is missed. You are the best Sea Mamma a guy could have asked for."
- OS2 Kyle Kelsey sends: "To the ANAHEIM DUCKS... Thanks for a great season. 13 long years and you brought the Stanley Cup to its rightful home. STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS 2007."
- OS2 Kyle Kelsey sends: "Susan... I miss you..."
- OS3 Christopher Kiener sends: "Love you babygirl, see you soon!"
- OS3 Christopher Kiener sends: "To the Family love you guys, see you in September."
- OS3 Christopher Kiener send: "To bayfarm youth, miss you all, can't wait to get back."
- DC3 Bill Kreutzkamp sends: "Hey baby hope to see you soon hope all is going good. Miss you a ton. Hey mom hey dad, hope the German shepherds are not giving you too much trouble. Give tank a couple pets for me."
- LTJG Pamela Madjeska sends: "I can't wait to be home and see you all again! Love you!"
- OSC Phil Marsh sends: "To Amy; I love you very much and I hope you're doing and feeling well. We're almost to the halfway mark. After that, it's all down hill from there and then I'll be home! See you soon! Love, Phil"
- OSC Phil Marsh sends: "To Drew; hey buddy, how's everything going? Take good care of mommy for me! We're almost halfway through this patrol then I'll be home with you and mommy. Happy Birthday and I'll see you very soon! Love, Daddy"
- OSC Phil Marsh sends: "To all my friends and family; I hope you're all doing well and taking it easy. I can't express my thoughts and thanks enough for all the help you've been giving us during this time in our lives, especially during



- this brief separation from Amy and Drew while I'm on patrol! Thanks again and we'll see you soon, Phil"
- SN John Moisant sends: "Hey everybody. We are working hard out here and missing home pretty bad. Congratulations on graduation for Christine and Liz! I hope the best for you girls. Evan keep it up at 4130 clothing bro. Good things are coming. Kristina keep working hard. Happy birthday Andy! LA is going to be rad Katie. I hope the new house is working out for you mom and dad. Miss you all and love you."
- 3/c Cadet Doug Neumann sends: "Hey Mom and Dad."
- CWO James O'Brien sends: "Miss you my love, give Kiera a hug from me. I can't wait for our trip to see the Mouse. Congratulations on your Graduation Sean, wish I could have been there. Hope everyone is doing well; see you all in a bit."
- CAPT Kevin O'Day sends: "Conor, my fabulous son, congratulations on your high school graduation, which caps off a richly rewarding high school experience. I'm very, very proud of you bud."
- CAPT Kevin O'Day sends: "Olivia, my beautiful daughter, congratulations on finishing your junior year honey. Keep working and smiling. I miss you and am very proud of you too."
- CAPT Kevin O'Day sends: "Owen, my new little buddy, congratulations on finishing your pre-school. Hope you have a great summer. I miss you and I am very proud of you too."
- 3/c Cadet Tim Olah sends: "Hey Mom, Dad, Carrie, Katy, and Rob. It is hot here!"
- FN Manny Ontiveros sends: "Hey Love, I miss you and I can't wait to see you, I will be home soon."
- ETC Dave Percell sends: "Everything is going well out here. Happy 31st Birthday Lynn. Love you



Mindi, and take care of our girl!”

- BM1 Juan Plata sends: “Hi babe I luv and miss you a lot, Alexis, your old man is fine and doing good, we’ll be home before you know it, I’ll bring you back something nice and pretty. To my son "Bumps" keep up the vigilant watch boy daddy will be home to take you to the beach. Cuddles don't get run over again I'd hate to see the vet bill..”
- YN3 Laura A. Prince sends: “Edwin I miss you so much. I am counting the days until I am in your arms again. I love you baby and I will see you in Paris. Mom, Jay, Danny, Celina, Rachael, Dawnya, Hailey, Heaven I love and miss you all. Dawnya sorry I missed another birthday I hope you enjoyed yourself, Celina sorry I will miss yours too, but congrats on the job I am so proud of you, Heaven and Hailey take care of Nana I will see you again soon, Jay how is the camper I hope you are loving it. Mom, thank you for all the support and the e-mails. Rachael, Good Luck. Dad I miss you send me an e-mail. Put your glasses on.”
- OS3 Joshua Quinley sends: “Hey Ma, Pa, and Sis Hope ya'll are enjoying the summer. Try not and get too hot out there. Love and Miss ya'll!!”
- OS3 Joshua Quinley sends: “Ms. Elaine and Mr. Perry Hope ya'll are staying out of trouble. I know it's hard when I ain't there to keep you straight. Ya'll be good, love and miss ya'll!”
- OS3 Joshua Quinley sends: “Hey Brittany, hope you are enjoying your summer and not getting too burnt. I can't wait to see you in August. I Love You and Miss You!! Isaiah 40:31”
- 3/c Cadet Jackie Ramirez sends: “Hey Mom, Dad, and Mykal. I miss you!”

- FN Clarence Rivera sends: “Aloha everyone back at home. Miss all you guys. But don't worry, I will be coming back home. Don't mess up my room! I got the cravings for malasadas and chicken katsu. Take care!”
- LTJG Ernie Saponara sends: “Hi Stephany! I miss you sorely and can't wait to see you in a few days. Take care of the new kitten and make sure he doesn't get his paws on too much cat nip! Mr. and Mrs. K, I am thinking about you and keeping you in my prayers. I will see you soon! Mom, thanks for all the support and understanding. Keep up the good work and stay safe.”
- SN Jeremiah Schiessel sends: “Hi Kimberly I am having a blast but still miss you very much. A little less than 3 months until we are married. Hang in and I will be home soon. I love you.”
- FS3 Molly Seel sends: “Hi Mom and Dad. I miss you out here from the ocean. Bet the temps in NC and here are about the same this time of year.”
- 3/c Cadet Dan Sorby sends: “Hi Mom!”
- SK1 Brian Sorensen sends: “Hey Lexi and Blake, I miss you and love you and can't wait to talk to you soon.”
- LTJG Josiah Starr sends: “Hey Momma, big Bro's, lil Tan & Naomi, family & friends. Keep the prayers coming!! We are doing you proud out here. God Bless.”
- 3/c Cadet Adam Stanek sends: “Hey Mom, Dad, and Fam!”
- 1/c Cadet Lauren Tumulty sends: “Hi Mom and Dad!”
- OS/E-4 Jordan Waters sends: Hey Rachel and girls I love you guys and miss you a lot. Chris congratulations on graduating from high school. Rachel I love you and you are my world.

We’ll be safe out here on the high seas – you be safe too at home, and thank you for your support, e-mails and care packages! We’re thinking of you all the time.

Best regards,

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