

# USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722)

## Deployment News, 4 August 2007



Tigers) as we make our way back up the California coast and home.

This has been another extremely productive operational patrol for the crew of Morgenthau, with three major drug seizures totaling about 7 tons of cocaine, 11 drug smuggler detentions, 5 migrant smuggler detentions, and 75 migrant repatriations. Say nothing about the huge losses we inflicted on the DTO's go-fast boat fleet as we tracked down, stopped and sank 6 of them. Yes, we knocked them on their backside, just as I knew this crew would if given a chance. And, as I frequently mention at Quarters on our flight deck, our great success on this patrol, like all patrols, is a complete and total team effort by the entire crew. It takes all four departments working together as a team to do what this crew does day in and day out; no question about that either. They collectively have earned a first rate reputation amongst the entire Coast Guard cutter fleet, so you have much to be proud of.

Thank you all again for all your love and support. Our success on the water starts with your love and support back home; there is no question about that. We look forward to seeing you shortly.... very shortly in fact.

Lastly, I'd like to thank ENS Chris Morris for doing a great job as our Newsletter Editor this past year. He will be relieved of that duty following this patrol, but his hard work in putting together these newsletters over the last year for all our enjoyment is very much appreciated.

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

*Best Regards – Captain Kevin M. O'Day*



### FROM THE BRIDGE:

### CAPTAIN KEVIN O'DAY

Greetings Family and Friends,

Well, this is finally it; our last newsletter for this outstanding patrol. We concluded our operations doing something that probably only the crew of Morgenthau could do, and that was operate continuously for about 37



days while we tracked down and intercepted yet another suspected drug smuggling vessel; this one a Mexican fishing vessel that was about 800 miles southwest of the Galapagos Islands. Morgenthau was selected over all the other ships in the theater for this high interest case because, well, because we are the Morgenthau, that's why. Although this fishing vessel did not have any contraband onboard, all indications were that it was involved in drug trafficking, so by our intercepting it and boarding it we definitely caused the Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) to rethink their plans and caused this fishing vessel to count their blessings as they scurried back to Mexico with the tail between their legs.

After that case, it was a long steam back to Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala and Acajutla, El Salvador to fuel up, drop off our helo, and say goodbye to a few of our shipmates. Then, we started the 2,500 mile trek back up to San Diego, where the crew would enjoy a very well earned 3-day port stop. That stop, by the way, included a morale softball game between the crew against the officers and chiefs as well as a morale sponsored Padres and Diamondbacks game at Petco Park. It was great fun and the crew got a chance to unwind a bit after working extremely hard for over a month straight. We just set sail yesterday from San Diego on our final leg of this patrol with 22 family members and friends embarked (our



**FROM THE NEWSLETTER TEAM**

**ENS CHRIS MORRIS**

Greetings once again from USCGC MORGENTHAU. This is the fifth and final e-mail newsletter of our current deployment, coming to you from somewhere off the coast of California! That's right we are finally almost home after a very productive patrol in which we seized approximately 14,800 lbs of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$197 million<sup>1</sup>, detained eleven suspected drug smugglers, and removed from operation or destroyed six go-fast vessels used by the drug traffickers. In addition, Morgenthau disrupted a migrant smuggling operation, stopping 75 migrants ultimately bound for the US, and detaining five suspected migrant smugglers. I hope these newsletters have kept you well informed back home of the great accomplishments of the "Pride of the Pacific"- USCGC MORGENTHAU. And thank you for all your support and positive feedback. More to follow next patrol!



**Congratulations to July's Non-Rate of the Month, Derek Williams (R) with SN Steve Sims (L).**

- 3/c Douglas Neumann earned a Letter of Appreciation
- 3/c Timothy Olah earned a Letter of Appreciation
- 3/c Jackie Ramirez earned a Letter of Appreciation
- 3/c Daniel Sorby earned a Letter of Appreciation
- 3/c Adam Stanek earned a Letter of Appreciation
- 3/c Frankie Temple earned a Letter of Appreciation

*-ENS Chris Morris*

**CREW RECOGNITION:**



**Captain presents ET2 Anthony McGrath with his well-earned Coast Guard Letter of Commendation at quarters.**

- SN Daniel Brown advanced to BM3
- Our Cryptologic Detachment (CDET) on loan from the Navy earned a Letter of Appreciation
- DC3 Garth Heilman advanced to DC2
- EM2 Timothy Ieronimo advanced to EM1
- ET2 Anthony McGrath earned a CG Letter of Commendation
- IT3 Michael Popo advanced to IT2
- FSCS John Sullivan earned a Letter of Appreciation
- SA Alex White advanced to SN
- SN Derek Williams earned Non-Rate of the Month for July
- 1/c Brandon Aten earned a Letter of Appreciation
- 1/c Tenely Barna earned a Letter of Appreciation
- 1/c Laura Williams earned a Letter of Appreciation
- 3/c Ann Dolinar earned a Letter of Appreciation
- 3/c Rebecca Gentile earned a Letter of Appreciation
- 3/c Christopher Grabe earned a Letter of Appreciation
- 3/c Kristopher Lopez earned a Letter of Appreciation

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

- Mr. Aaron Sims
- FSCS John Sullivan
- ET2 Anthony McGrath
- 1/c Brandon Aten
- 1/c Tenely Barna
- 1/c Laura Williams
- 3/c Ann Dolinar
- 3/c Rebecca Gentile
- 3/c Christopher Grabe
- 3/c Kristopher Lopez
- 3/c Douglas Neumann
- 3/c Timothy Olah
- 3/c Jackie Ramirez
- 3/c Daniel Sorby
- 3/c Adam Stanek
- 3/c Frankie Temple

**And Welcome aboard to our new HSC:**

- HSC Elfren Colinco



**SN Daniel Brown pins on BM3...Congratulations!**



**REVERSE SHOUT-OUTS TO THE CREW:**

- Scott Finstad sends to the crew: “To Nelsonmikron Zedd, The Kink, Papi, The Kiss \*%# Duke, Chief Hildreth, Mc"G", Mr. Brooks, the greatest Divo Ever Mr. Cuevas, Eigel B, Prior, Popo mon, And everyone, Good job on a great Patrol!!! Thanks for helping to keep the streets safe for the civilian sector! Keep up the good work in all your future endeavors. Bingham and Quinley, keep CIC on lock down, no singin' alright now!”
- Adam & Paula, Katie & Scot, brother & sister-in-law and Mother & Father send to 1/c Cadet Brandon Aten: “Great Job! It will be great seeing you again, love from all!”
- Jessica Borja, wife of OS2 Jeremy Borja sends: “Hi my love! It feels like it has been forever and I can't wait to get you home. I love you babe! (Hi Daddy! Remember I said I wanted ice cream and the park, are we going to Chuckie Cheese too? Alex misses you too. I'll see you at the big boat! Love Gabby) Just a few more days.....”
- Amanda Kerr, sister of OS2 Jeremy Borja sends: “Hey Punk!!! Can't wait until I get to speak with you again. Love ya!!!”
- Leonard & Charissa Branson, dad and mom of FN Justin Branson send: “Can't wait to see you! Dad and I are very excited to hear all about your adventures and accomplishments.



We love ya and miss ya. –Mom & Dad”

- Lei Abregano, mom of BM3 Daniel Brown sends: “Aloha Kaniela, We miss you here in beautiful Pearl City, Oahu, Hawaii. Mahalo for a job well done... Can't wait to see you again...e malama pono oe (take care of yourself) a hui hou... aloha wau ia oe, mom”
- Carl & Kathy Ebben, mom and dad of MKC John Buckley send: “Looking forward to seeing you home. Thanks to all of you and the crew for the great job done.”
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Malinski send to MK2 Ed Cabrera: “Hope to see you soon and have your family over to show you how Mexican food is supposed to taste on YOUR plates. Love, The Malinski Family.”
- Sheri Childers, wife of MK1 Mark Childers sends: “Getting the bbq grill ready for you to cook on, along with some good drinks. Excitement around the house is growing since you are due home soon. You have been missed so badly by all of us. Be ready to party down lover. I love you and miss you. Carly says she can't wait for her Fat Daddy Mark to come home. Natalie says she has missed you and hates it when you are gone for so long. We love you Mark, kisses-your wife Sheri”
- Anna M. Torres, sister of Micaela Christopher sends: “Hey baby girl, I am very proud of you.



May GOD continue to BLESS you more and more each day. I LOVE YOU more than you. Remember GOD is FIRST in all you do.”

- Mom, dad, and sister of ENS Ricky Colby send: “Rick Colby and Tiger Cruiser Lindsey Colby - Welcome back! Glad you've returned safely and take care of your little sister while she's there!
- Carole 'Nan' Olson, grandmother of ENS Ricky Colby sends: “Hi Ricky. Happy shore leave when you arrive in Chicago. You are always in my thoughts and prayers....and always in my heart. KYHAW I love you! Arizona Nan”
- Rick & Glenda Matuszewicz, mom and dad of ENS Christie Davis send: “This is a BIG shout out for Christie! Welcome back from your patrol. Wish we could be there! Love you and see you soon! Mom

and Dad”

- BMCS Darren Davis sends: “All, Congratulations on all your success this patrol! Alameda is looking forward to the return of the Mighty Morg and her crew.”
- Maritza Denman, wife, of MK3 Ben Denman sends: “So excited for your return home, we miss you so much. I am so proud of you. Love you with all my heart.”
- Lou and Linda Dolinar, parents of 3/c Cadet Ann Dolinar send: “Hurry home Annz, we're planning a major hug interdiction operation!”
- Dolly Rouse, friend of FS2 Epi Garcia sends: “Where is my shirt? You made it! Congrats. and God bless. Isaiah 40:31, Philippians 4:13”
- Gerry, Cindy and Brie Geletzke, parents and sister



English Class Graduates with their teacher, Mr. Sims.



ENS Christiana Hawn send: “Christie, we love and miss you! We are so proud of you, and of Ryan! Hope to see you soon, in the meantime, hope every day is a Great Navy Day! XXOOXX”

- Phillip Gittings, son of FS1 Patrick Gittings sends: “I’m so excited I can’t stop jumping! I love you!”
- Peter Gittings, son of FS1 Patrick Gittings sends: “Good morning and hello Daddy, I love you!”
- Palmer Gittings, son of FS1 Patrick Gittings sends: “Hi Dada!”
- Ramona Gittings, wife of FS1 Patrick Gittings sends: “Welcome home Papa! Next watch!”
- Shar Guerrero, wife of OS1 Michael Guerrero sends: “Hi honey you’re almost home. I’ve missed you so much. Thank you for all the emails it has definitely made it a lot easier. As for your request "Benihana's" I guess we could do that. Only because you’ve been gone for so long otherwise it would’ve been some fast food place. Okay all joking aside the family back home sends you their love and warm Hafa Adai’s. Auntie Row says Angie is constantly asking for you. I love you and can’t wait to see you.”

Hazzard sends: “Hey Son, I suppose that by the time you read this I will have seen you and maybe be a tiger on the Morgenthau. I’ll try not to embarrass you (too much). It’s pretty amazing the amount of activities the crew goes through during a deployment. I had no idea. When we get to Novato, let’s fix the Jeep and do some 4 wheeling. See you soon. Dad”

- Fayth Timmons, sister of SK2 Brynn Healy sends: “Brynnny! Hurry up and get home, I miss my wine and shopping buddy! Kylie made you a beautiful birthday present. We love you and miss you so much! XOXO”
- Michael Simonetti, fiancé of SM2 Brynn Healy sends: “Hey love, I can’t wait to see you on the pier, I have a nice surprise for you. Jayda will be there with a bow on as promised, she really misses you... I love you and miss you...”

- Heather Hazzard, wife of ET3 Michael Hazzard sends: “You rock our world babe! You are #1 in our book. Thanks for being such a great Daddy and awesome husband. Love, Heather and Wesley”
- David Hazzard, dad of ET3 Michael





- Meryl Healy, mom of SK2 Brynn Healy sends: “I cannot wait for you to arrive home so we can talk on the phone! I've not heard your voice in three long months! Fayth, Dearest and Mike keep me updated though! I know Mike, Fayth, Kylie and Jayda are anxiously awaiting your return. I hope Mr. Yellow Fin Tuna is making it home with you so you guys can enjoy him! Love and Hugs. Your favorite Mom!”

- SK2 Brynn Healy’s grandmother sends: “Hi Brynn, missed you in Atlanta and hope to see you in December maybe??? Be safe and remember we all love you. Please be my guest in my "Lime" guest room....Love You, get home soon.....”



- Brenda Judge, mom of SN Jeff Judge sends to Jeff and the crew: “Hi Everyone on the USCGC, Morgenthau, I am Brenda Judge and my son is Jeff Judge; we think of you and the rest of your crew and truly are proud and appreciate what you do. I hope when you pull back into port that everyone especially my son can connect with a loved one/family member. Can't wait to hear your voice and see your smile jeffrey, Love and miss you, MOM”

- Stacey Dias, girlfriend of OS2 Kyle Kelsey sends: “Hey hun! I've missed you so much and am so excited for you to come home. Everyone misses you and is ready for all the fun to begin. I can't wait to start looking at places. I LOVE YOU.”
- Dad, mom, and Ryan send to OS2 Kyle Kelsey: “Welcome Home..we love you...”
- Mom, Dad, and Shadow send to MK3 Byron Knepp: “Trey, we can't wait for your arrival home. We are so proud of you and all that you accomplished on this patrol.

Every email you sent home is covered by your enjoyment for your job with USCG and that makes it easier for us to adjust to you being

away from home, and makes your visits that more exciting. Just to let you know....there is so much to the remodel of the house, and your sister's move, you MIGHT get to rest just a LITTLE! :) We are counting the days until you are back in TEXAS with us! We love you very much.”

- SSGT Joshua Knepp, cousin of MK3 Byron Knepp sends: “Hey Trey. Hope you had a great time out there on the boat again. Keep up the good work. It





was really fun getting to work with your ship from the AWACS. Take it easy man and see you again soon. Josh.”

- Gini Potts, fiancé of DC3 William Kreutzkamp sends: "Hey baby..I can't wait to see you when you get in..Your first patrol is almost over and I am so proud of you! I love you and I'll see you soon."
- Cliff & Debby Kreutzkamp, mom and dad of DC3 William Kreutzkamp send: “Bill, sure looking forward to seeing you again. Tank, Emma & Brandi all send you kisses, hugs & tail wags. Jake & Ryan send hugs & kisses, no tail wags from them :) We all miss you & are very proud of you. Love, Mom & Dad”
- Frank Krug, dad of ET3 Paul Krug sends: “I'm glad I'm not the only "Shellback" in the family anymore! Congratulations to you all! Your families, friends and country are proud of you! Thanks for your service to our wonderful country!!! Frank
- Rosemary Lopez, mom of OS3 Chris Lopez sends: “Son we are looking forward to seeing you soon. I am getting up a supply of charcoal for you to grill with when you get here. Love you forever, Mom &



Dad”

- Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Malinski send to FN Mike Lowe: “Can't wait to pinch those rosie red cheeks again. Oh yeah, education or discipline?? I'll answer that one for you, education on the slopes when I teach you how to go down a mountain without falling. Love....Your Parents”



- Amy and Drew Marsh, wife and son of OSC Phil Marsh send: "We are so proud of you and all you do for your family. We are very excited to see you when you arrive home. Much love and many hugs, Amy and Drew"



- John and Patty Sanders, friends of OSC Phil Marsh send: "Hi Phil, Looking forward to a run, hike, or bike with you. Miss Ya and Welcome Home, Patty and John."

- Bobbie Miller, wife of MK2 Mike Miller sends: "Hey Babe, we are proud of you and we are looking forward to your homecoming. The steak is on and the beer is cold. Tyler says he's ready to take off those training wheels and AJ wants to show you his new steps! We love you, stay strong, and keep up the good work."

- Buzzy & Louise Morris, dad and mom of ENS Chris Morris send: "Hi Chris! Nice work on the Deployment Newsletters! We are so proud of you and all of the crew for the important work you are doing out there in the Southern Pacific. Cape Cod is awaiting your return for some well deserved R & R very soon. We can't wait to see you! Meanwhile, stay safe and know that we love you!"

- The Ferros send to ENS Chris Morris: "Just wanting to say hi and let you know that we are thinking of you and wanting you to come home and visit soon. Knowing you are having a great time makes it worth you being away all the time. Can't wait to see you when you come home!!!"

- The Gittings Family, friends of ENS Chris Morris send: "Thank you so much for the awesome newsletters. We are so proud of our Cutter!"

- Rick Strathy, uncle of ET3 Jeremy Munkelt sends to Jeremy and the crew: "Great job working the West Coast for the Safety of our Nation. Being a Police Officer in New York, all of us appreciate your efforts and the impact you are having keeping



drugs from reaching our Streets. Enjoy your time home!"

- Mary Anne Munkelt, mom of ET3 Jeremy Munkelt sends: "I can't wait to see you in September!"
- Stephanie Newling, wife of MK1 Christopher Newling sends: "Me and CJ love Yas!"
- Lori Neumann, mom of 3/c Cadet Doug Neumann

sends: "Hey Doug, We love you, we miss you, and when you get home we are going to Cedar Point. You are invited too! Love Mom and Dad"

- Gretchen O'Brien, wife of CWO2 James O'Brien sends: "Can't wait to have you home to enjoy the rest of the summer. Miss you lots and we'll see you very soon! Love, Gretchen, Kiera & Finnegan"
- Beth O'Day, sister of Captain Kevin O'Day sends: "Can't wait to see you big brother."
- Quail, friend of Captain Kevin O'Day sends: "Hope you and your crew are safe and well. Look forward to seeing this time on your leave home. Missed you last time. Kim's 50th is Thursday. We'll dip our glass to you. Quail"

- Karen and Frank Olah, parents of 3/c Cadet Tim Olah send: "Tim, we can't wait to pick you up at the airport in Singapore. We are counting the days! Love, Mom and Dad"

- Grace and Elena Lupoli, nieces of 3/c Cadet Tim Olah send: "We can't wait for Uncle Timmy to see us in Singapore! We are counting down the days! We love you Uncle Timmy!"

- Lissette Ontiveros, wife of FN Manuel Ontiveros sends: "Hi babe!!!!!! You're almost here.....I can't wait to see your pretty eyes again.....I'm so proud of you, you did so good this patrol.....I love you and I miss you see you soon....."

- April Niedda, mom of MK2 Crystal Padin sends: "Hi baby, we can't wait to see you, we all miss you so much. Juliette sends baby kisses and is anxiously awaiting the time when she can see you again. Be

safe, be happy, and start the count-down honey, it won't be long now! I love you baby, Mom”

- Sara Harrison, fiancé of BM1 Juan Plata sends: “Hi babe, I found a really cool place to go camping & we can fish there too. We miss you so much & cant wait to see you! Hurry home I have a surprise for you when u get here! We love you mucho!! love sara, lexi, & your furry son "bumps””
- Anneke Prior, wife of ET2 Chris Prior sends: “ Hey Chris, Can't wait for you to be home so we can finally start enjoying our summer vacation together as a family. We love you and can't wait to see you soon!!! Love, Your Girls =)”
- Adrienne Rivera, sister of Clarence Rivera sends:

- Kim Larson, fiancé of SN Jeremiah Schiessel sends: “Hello Jeremiah, you've been gone too long. I hope your having a good time though. I love you and miss you so much, can't wait to see you soon.”
- Justine Barfknecht, fiancée of SN Tyler Smith sends: “Hey Baby. I can't wait for you to get home. I am counting the days. I love you for forever and a day. Justine”
- Debbie and Gordon Smith send to their son SN Tyler Smith: “We miss you soooo much. Just a few more days until we get to see you. Seems like forever. We can't wait to hear all your exciting stories. Everyone here is just counting the days. We can't put into words how PROUD we are of you. We love you bub.



“Weather's cherry and da kine . . . we proud for have you in da 'ohana. Miss and love you choke! "Nobody trips over mountains. It is the small pebble that causes you to stumble. Pass the pebbles in your path and you will find you have crossed the mountain." . . . and this, too, shall pass . . .”

- Jahnmarie Rodriguez, wife of OS3 Francisco Rodriguez sends: “Babe!!! Happy Anniversary & Happy Birthday!!!! I cant wait to see you. Te Amo!”
- Cyn Sains, wife of BM3 Jonathan Sains sends: “Jonny, only a few days left and you'll be back where you belong (in my arms)! The kids are completely stoked about your homecoming, as am I. We'll all be at the pier waiting, including your pops :) Aloha au ia oe, no kau a kau! –Cyn”
- Dennis and Gail Taves, grandparents-in-law of BM3 Jonathan Sains send: “Thank you, Son, for all you do both in the Coast Guard and at home W/Cindy and the kids. We are so very proud of you. We love you. Ma and Pa”

See you soon. Love Mom and Dad”

- Mom, dad, and sister of OS2 Brian Soto send: “We all miss you and cant wait to see you back home. Your dogs missing you too. And Dad is waiting for you to go fly the plane.”
- Richard Spicer, aka “Rick the Elder” sends to his son and the crew: “I hope you and the entire crew of the "Morg" had a safe, productive and effective patrol. Hope to see you soon - either on your coast or mine! I'm proud of you and your shipmates and I love you!”
- Shirley Herrod, mom of SKC Bonnie Thompson sends: “Looking forward to your coming home, chatting with you and romping in your back yard. From your very own Yak-ki-ma. Love Ya”
- Loris & Sami Vahl, mother and sister of Jared Vahl send: “Hey there Jared! Great to see your accomplishments in the latest newsletter. Congratulations! Well you'll be back on shore soon. Hope you'll be coming home for a few days. Wish



we could be with you on the Tiger Run - have fun!  
All our love, Sami and Mom”

- Michael Simonetti, friend of BMC Rob Walper sends: “Tito, I have a nice surprise for you when you get to the pier as well..., to bad you didn't get to go to numero uno, it would have been some great memories as laborers down there”
- Richard & Marcia, Angelique & Jonathan Waters Dad & Mom, Sister & Nephew Jordan L Waters send to OS3 Jordan Waters: “Welcome back, we can't wait to hear your voice. Ran into Mr. Corning at the Wilmington College Alumni Picnic and he said HI and to let you know he's now driving a 'vette. HI, it's Jonathan! I just wanted to know what you were doing. If you were coming back Dover soon. In September were all going to baseball game red sox vs. Baltimore Orioles at Camden yards we are going to a 7:00. Be ready if you come cause got my game on !! in MLB 2k7, The Show 06,NASCAR 07 and

I'm getting Tiger Woods PGA Tour 07 see you then Love J-5(J-Bro)”

- Rachel Waters, wife of OS3 Jordan Waters sends: “Just think kids at camp for the whole week. Be safe and hurry home. We all love and miss you!”
- Jeff and Staci Meads, Step-dad and mom of SN Derek Williams send: “We are very proud of you Derek and we can't wait to see you! We love you very much!”
- Doug & Vicki Young, mom and dad of BM2 Jessica Young send: “We love you and can hardly wait to see you. Ps, welcome back to California...”
- Erin Gilson, friend of Jessica Young sends: “Hey girl! Almost done...finally! You've been gone forever! Can't wait to see you in August!! :) BOUTWELL-reunion, woohoo!! :)”
- Chara Tolbert, friend of BM2 Jessica Young sends: “Way to get it done Girl!”

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'll see you soon!

Best regards,

The Officers, Chiefs, and Crew of  
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