

# USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722)

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Oh yes, in closing, I'll just note that the outstanding crew of MORGENTHAU has yet another notch on its counter-drug belt after a thrilling go-fast-vessel seizure yesterday afternoon and evening. You will need to read the next Newsletter however to get the scoop from the skipper. Until then, thank you all for all you do to support this outstanding crew. You have much again to be proud of for their work, dedication and professionalism, and we absolutely could not do it without you.

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

### FROM THE BRIDGE:

### CAPTAIN KEVIN O'DAY

Greetings Again Family and Friends,

Well, how time flies when you're having fun. Boy, it just seemed like yesterday when we were wrapping up our last patrol down here in the Eastern Pacific when we find ourselves back down here again. A lot of things has happened aboard MORGENTHAU since our last Newsletter, and I'll do my best to bring you up to speed on some of the events as quickly as I can.



MORGENTHAU's crew enjoyed a few months off at the end of summer and beginning of fall following our last patrol. They certainly deserved it! However, each department had a long list of things that they needed to get done to prepare the ship for our current patrol. From closing out our financial books, to major steel repairs on our fantail, to re-painting just about the entire hull and weather decks, to resurfacing our flight deck to repairing some of our communications and radar equipment, the list was long but necessary.

Our engineers were extremely busy all inport with major work on both main diesel engines, ship's service generators and the installation of two new fire pumps just to name some of the jobs. We also had our burner control system replaced on our ship's service boilers to improve our steam making capabilities which directly impacts many things aboard ship, like making water and cooking just to name a few. It was an exhausting work list and the crew worked very long hours right to the very end of the inport. Their superb effort, however, has already paid huge dividends as MORGENTHAU again has enjoyed an extremely reliable engineering plant for the first part of this patrol.

Because of the crew's dedicated hard work, we're back down here again firing on all cylinders and already giving the drug runners a run for their money. I was very happy that we got a chance to stop in Puerto Vallarta on the way down to our patrol area and give the crew a chance to see a new port and relax a bit before the demanding patrol that lied ahead of them. I think everyone enjoyed the stop, and I, in particular, enjoyed getting to watch the Red Sox win the World Series.

I know our Tactical Commanders in Key West and Alameda are thankful the crew of MORGENTHAU is on the prowl again. We bring considerable expertise and capabilities to the counter-drug fight down here in the Eastern Pacific and I think the crew enjoys showing everyone their stuff. For myself, I enjoy watching them execute.

*Best Regards –*

*Captain Kevin M. O'Day  
Commanding Officer*



### FROM THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

### ENS CHAD CARLOUGH

Greetings from the USCGC MORGENTHAU. This is our first e-mail newsletter of our current deployment. We are back in business coming to you from the Eastern Pacific. We haven't been underway for very long but we have already been extremely busy with daily operations as well as fueling evolutions, maintenance we have already stopped a go-fast vessel and seized an estimated 3,100 lbs of cocaine. Between all of the hard work the crew also has gotten a chance to put their feet up and lay in the sand at an early port call in Puerto Vallarta. Although it is early we have already been making the world a safer place from all the way out here in the Eastern Pacific. 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 "Pride of the Pacific"-USCGC MORGENTHAU. We would like to thank you for all your support and ask for any feedback. Stay tuned for the next newsletter to come your way



*-ENS Chad Carlough*

### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

### LCDR BRIAN HIGGINS

*"Hard at Work"*

Once more MORG is plowing through the seas of the Eastern Pacific. Pushed through the water by her massive engines. Maintained by an elite team of Engineers who have for the past month been madly shoveling superhuman effort into a bottomless abyss of engine room



casualties... but in the darkness of overwhelming work...just as hope was about to fade... we discovered that there is indeed a bottom to the abyss, and that it can be filled. Thank goodness!



**MKC Buckley, MK2 Padin, MK2 Cabrera, and DC3 Kreutzkamp are on watch in Main Control**

Our story begins more than a month ago, when Main Prop was neck-deep in a “Service Life Extension” inspection of their #2 Main Diesel Engine (MDE). #2 MDE has more than 21,000 hours on it & behaves with the usual quirks & mannerisms associated with such age. To make sure everything was still ship-shape inside this old engine, we opened up some inspection ports & looked around. Curiously, we found that the front end of the Engine, filled with gears, pumps & all sorts of complicated mechanical accessories, contained a gear that was missing a tooth. This sparked many questions, the answers to all of which required a formidable front end disassembly. Lame! To be sure, we brought in an expert from Fairbanks Morse, the original manufacturer of the engine, and then began the difficult task of disassembling the front end. As you know, the labor charge on any automobile repair bill always seems outrageously high. Well, that labor is nothing when compared to work on a 3,600 Horsepower Main Diesel Engine that weighs more than 50 tons! After days of hard labor removing literally hundreds of pieces from the engine, the bad news turned worse... we found gears out of alignment. Also, a complicated cross drive gear had to be sent out to be refurbished. And the entire front end “mounting plate” of the engine was out of whack, and needed to be removed, repaired & re-pinned for alignment. Alignment is not a four-letter word, but it sure started to sound like one at that point.

About this same time, the Main Prop division was also working to fix a small leak on the #1 MDE seawater pump. Internal corrosion prevented an easy fix, so the pump had to be replaced. Once a new 250 lb seawater pump had been installed, we checked for gear alignment with NEGRES (military speak for Negative Results). Our Fairbanks Morse representative took a quick look at the #1 MDE before announcing that it had the same alignment problems as #2 MDE. Just like that, our already huge workload doubled in

size. Again, not good... the end of the inport was barreling at us like a freight train & we were getting tied to the tracks!

To make a long story short, CWO Saiz, MKCS Cook, MK1 Childers, MK1 Meachum, MK2 Padin, MK3 Gogo, MK3 Denman, FN Nevarez, FN Inwood, FN Rivera, FN Olsen & FN Jaime worked through the last weeks of the inport, all of stand-down & all 3 additional days to overcome a tidal wave of engine reassembly, maintenance & patrol preparations to allow MORG to depart on time. Depressing as it was to lose all that free time that others were able to spend with friends & family at the end of the inport, their friends & families should be proud of this magnificent accomplishment. By completing these massive engine repairs quickly & without error, MORG was able to cut weeks off the typical repair time & arrive on station with minimal delay. Hundreds of internal moving parts were all reassembled correctly & the engines now run smoother than anyone on board can remember. An error-free engine repair of this magnitude is awesome & the difficulty of such a feat is hard to overstate.



Then the frantic repair effort ended, we got underway, and the excitement refused to let up. Once the engines had warmed up, Main Prop was busy with round-the-clock efforts to deal with many, many oil leaks, equipment failures & accelerated maintenance as Murphy’s Law kicked in big time. Meanwhile, the EMs were constantly dealing with grounds & maintenance, the DCs ramped up their intense underway training program, and A-gang was bombarded with equipment issues, as the Department struggled to juggle work, watch, repairs & sleep in a frustrating, tumultuous flurry of effort. Fortunately, in the last few days, the engineers have finally started to settle into a routine, having eliminated many problems, isolated others & documented whatever remains, and we are becoming our typical underway selves. Whether it is MPA enjoying the “fiddly” as his own personal sauna, MK3 Gogo testing the limits of human endurance, or MK1 Newling doing a strange but on-the-money impersonation of MK3 Rodriguez, the personality of the Engineering Dept perseveres. You can be sure that if your loved one is an Engineer on MORG, they have seen a lot, worked like crazy & are ready to deal with whatever comes up next.

**-LCDR Brian Higgins**

**OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS LT CHRISTOPHER MEIK**

To the many friends and family members of MORGENTHAU's Operations Department, 'Hello', from the Eastern Pacific.



As many of you know, it took quite a bit of effort to get MORGENTHAU away from the pier and on-station in time, ready to execute her missions. If any fans of the Operations Department haven't done so in the past, be sure you read the Engineering Department's portion of this newsletter, as the heights, depths and lengths they had to go to are daunting, to say the least. It's no overstatement to say those guys pulled off a Herculean task in getting us where we are today... and where we are, finally, is in the middle of the Eastern Pacific. It was an entire crew, though, that pulled together in spite of cascading scheduling changes, equipment casualties, and quixotic pre-CART/TACT/CARAT contortions (more on that in a bit) to put MORGENTHAU not only in the EASTPAC, but also in position to employ her operational capabilities in the Counter-Drug business. And now that we've arrived, we've been mighty busy, to say the least.



OS2 Bingham is recognized at quarters by CAPT O'Day

From the onset of the previous inport period, every division within the Operations Department has had one eye focused on making ready for the current patrol and the other trained a little farther into the future. In one hand we've been juggling preparations to conduct Law Enforcement operations, in the other, preventive and corrective maintenance actions. Then there's the other hand, growing out of the middle of our lower back that's juggling the preparations for the upcoming Command's Assessment for Readiness and Training (CART) evolution. A little higher and to the left is the hand that's juggling the Tailored Annual Cutter Training (TACT) requirements. Just above the right knee, oblique to the body, are the pair of special-purpose hands that sprouted just to juggle the preparations for next year's CARAT patrol... The list goes on and on... suffice to say, we have eyes, ears and hands poking out all over the place and the Operations Department, at large, continues to roil and turn and churn with characteristic fervor. The analogy might seem more like Cirque de Soleil, but in reality, there's a lot less spandex and a lot more velcro.

Given the turbulence of the shortened inport period, it was an unusual but welcome change to have a Mid-Patrol Break so soon after leaving homeport. Puerto Vallarta, Mexico was our last opportunity to ensure that we were well-rested and well-stocked before heading out on patrol. As luck would have it, we tied up directly across from a Walmart and a Sam's Club. Many folks took advantage of the organized tours and events, such as horseback riding and canopy tours, but most simply ventured into the city, which turned out to be very hospitable and brimming with all sorts of entertainment. On the Malecon (the boardwalk) alone, you could see traditional native dancing, sand sculpting, mock pirate attacks upon the ports, and the occasional Ops Department member amidst their revelries. Camera phones, too, made a predictable appearance. Packed with last minute provisions (i.e. Raman noodles, fake Rolexes, and xbox games), we left Mexico for a single stop in Acajutla, El Salvador to fuel up for subsequent turbine sprints into the heart of our current position, the middle of the Counter Drug game of the Eastern Pacific, gainfully employed as the most capable asset in the area. And to the eternal shame/fame of many, we even made time to throw in a Halloween party and costume contest. The real surprise was that there weren't more luchador masks, but a good time was had by all that participated, which is to say most of the crew.

Without a doubt, the next installment of the Operations Department newsletter will be replete with gratifying recounts of our success in stopping the bad guys and hopefully some flashes of the typical, a-typical goings-on that punctuate any patrol. Till next time, warm regards from the Operations Department.

*-Submitted by CWO2 Jason Brooks*

**WEAPONS DEPARTMENT NEWS LTJG JOSIAH STARR**

"Now, Go Fast! Go Fast! Go Fast! All hands set the Go Fast Bill!" It is the second drill members of MORGENTHAU have had in as many days. The small boat lowering detail mans the rail and proceeds to drop MORG1 in the water. Our Law



Enforcement Boarding Team has suited up. The HITRON (HH-68A Helicopter) is fired up and ready for take off. This is the last chance to practice before the real deal...

Standing on the flight deck at afternoon quarters listening to LTJG Starr motivate the crew. "You are family! Stick together and give it all you got!" You can see it in the eye of every Weapons Department member when he is finished: Determination, perseverance, and a relentless desire to succeed when given the opportunity.

MORGENTHAU has made a name for itself in the counter drug industry by its' meticulous attention to detail,



**BMC Walper and BM3 Brown talk about line handling while pulling into Puerto Viallarta**

and constant readiness to respond at a moments notice for any type of drug case. It is not an easy thing to wait for days on end in the middle of the ocean for a fishing vessel or Go-Fast suspected of carrying drugs. But the fact is that when MORGENTHAU does make that bust, and she will, that might be one less drug deal that takes place on the streets of the United States. Whether it is SN Sanders manning the boat lowering station along with SN West, or ET3 Hazzard consistently monitoring our TOI (Target of Interest) on the MARK 92 radar or GM2 Carpenter manning the 50 cal; you can rest assured the “Druggies” chances of escaping are slim. Long days and long nights are worth the time spent at sea when MORGENTHAU pulls into Panama and unloads hundreds of cocaine bales.

No matter the circumstance, no matter whether BM2 Young has not slept more than four hours the past three nights, achieving mission success is MORGENTHAU’S pride and satisfaction. We will be excited to come home to our families for Christmas and the New Year, but there is a job that needs to be accomplished and the MORGENTHAU is ready for the task. Even as you are reading this article, we are standing by and listening once again for that Go-Fast pipe, and for the chase to begin...

*-Submitted by ENS David Garden*

**SUPPLY DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**CWO2 JAMES O’BRIEN**

Another Fiscal year has come and gone, CGC Morgenthau is once again riding the world of bad guys in the Eastern Pacific and the Supply Department is still hard at work doing what we do best, taking care of our shipmates! It has been an exciting and busy time for every division in the Supply Department the last few months, between closing out the budget for 2007 and getting ready for our upcoming patrol. I asked each of the Supply Division Heads to write a little something for our first newsletter, so without further ado let us



step into the Galley and see what’s cooking in our Food Service Division.

Hello everyone I am Senior Chief Darryl McKnight the new Food Service Officer (FSO) of the Galley. I just transferred in from Ketchikan Alaska so this is my first newsletter. I have 14 years sea time and am glad to be back on the open ocean.

I would really like to recognize two people that have helped make my job easy as pie the last few months, FS1 Patrick Gittings and FS1 Charles Weaver, without them, well, there would be no pie. The day-to-day success of both the galley and our load out for this patrol rests squarely on their shoulders. I would also like to introduce our new Jack of the Dust, FS2 Jason Taesali. He just transferred over from CGC Hamilton.



**BM3 Sinkey, SK2 Healey, YN3 Prince carve pumpkins on Halloween**

Thank you Senior Chief McKnight for that excellent introduction to the galley and thank you to all our cooks for the fantastic job you do. Because of your excellent work, I get to partake of twice-daily workouts in our wonderful gym. Next up, SKC Thompson has a few things to say about the recent flurry of activity in the Storekeeper Division.

Now that the hustle and bustle of the fiscal year close out and preps for getting underway is over, the SK shop has been working on refining our processes to be more customer friendly in the area of procurement status, as well as fine tuning responsibilities in the office. The entire SK Division received some excellent training on OM&S from CWO Frank Palacios during the last in port and SK3 Matta has put it to excellent use clearing up a few of the minor discrepancies pointed out during the Assist Visit. SK2 Healy has moved on to being our primary commercial purchasing agent and is heading the inventory count teams. Under the guidance of SK1 Sorensen, she is quickly expanding her knowledge of our accounting system and the ins and outs of reconciliation, as well as the world of contracting. Along with the very busy job of training, SK1 has been spending the rest of his time in the

office going through the financial files getting us ship shape for our Compliance Inspection in January. SK3 Dean lost the Rock, Paper, Scissors contest so he had to remain behind in a warehouse to assist us while CGC Morgenthau plies the vast oceans. His expertise in shipping along with his procurement background has enabled CGC Morgenthau to receive a steady stream of supplies even at the far corners of the world. Lastly, a special thanks to Jacksonville, FL for their assistance getting supplies to us during our last port. It is all about teamwork!

So true SKC. In the Admin Division, we have YN2 Kellehar filling the very big shoes of YNC James. Luck for all of us, she has big feet! (That's a joke she really has tiny feet.)

Well, it is probably no big surprise the yeoman office is still hard at work. Although it is not transfer season, YN3 Prince, SN Benson, and myself have been working diligently since day one of this patrol. Our office is currently working on the Annual Verifications and the upcoming MLCPCAC inspection, along with our normal daily routine. All this has shown me how much I really miss and appreciate YNC James (hope you are having fun at the CPO Academy). We would also like to welcome SN Derk and FN Nevarez to the YN office; both of these fine shipmates have made the wise choice to join the YN rate and are starting to work on their qualification packages. The YN office is getting a bit crowded, but we are always happy to have the help.

Welcome aboard to the two newest members of our Supply Department family. YN2 Kellehar is doing a fantastic job running the Yeoman Division so Chief James, never fear, every time the pile of work awaiting your return gets to high we just add another filing cabinet. Last but certainly not least, we have a journal entry from our Primary Care Giver, HSC Colinco...

*-Submitted by CWO James O'Brien*

**FEATURE:** SOUTH PAT 2007  
**"Underway Making Way"**

All lines are taken in and BM1 Plata blows the whistle; MORGENTHAU is underway for a two month deployment. All hands on deck are hard at work preparing lines, the bridge team is working together navigating through the estuary and the engineers are standing a vigilant watch monitoring the main diesel engines. Steaming through the channel we sound the ships whistle and render a salute to the Admiral's House on Yuba Buena Island and continue the transit under the Bay Bridge. The fog is starting to lift and were headed outbound passing Alcatraz down the port side. We pick up speed and head towards the Eastern Pacific through the Golden Gate Bridge as a HH-65 from Air Station San Francisco wishes us farewell. It's the last icon of home well see until we return. We all know there are many good things to be done this patrol.

All the extra time and work the crew spent with MORGENTHAU during the inport prepared her to be fully operational and safe while heading to the operational area. It

has only been a few weeks underway and the crew has been very busy. Every department has been working hard standing their watches and working as a team. It does not take long for everyone to get back into the swing of things while underway.

After a brief stop for fuel in San Diego where the smoke was lingering about the sky and ash fell like snow flurries MORGENTHAU's crew got a well deserved break, in Puerto Vallarta. The crew enjoyed letting off some steam. Some crewmembers went snorkeling, a few found a good break to surf, while others chose to lay low and relax on the beach. All in all a port call in a place like Puerto Vallarta will put everybody's mind at rest and help energize the batteries the crew needs to overcome the challenges of the Eastern Pacific

Halloween came fast and the crew celebrated in proper fashion or should I say proper costume. Participants put on their most creative costumes and dressed to impress. FN Gass came away with the most impressive costume with an impersonation of DC2 Heilman. SN Green won the pumpkin carving contest while OS3 Lopez came in a close second with MK3 Denmen receiving honorable mention for an outstanding carving of a sailing vessel. The participation from the crew was amazing. The Wardroom prepared dinner and served mummy dogs, monster eyes, bat wings, brains on a half shell and graveyard pudding. They sure didn't look good but everything tasted phenomenal.



**The XO teaches ENS Colby, ENS Garcia, ENS Cuevas and ENS Garden how to cook up some scary Mummy Dogs**

Maintaining health and well being has been emphasized a lot this trip. The morale committee has organized a competition for the crew to see who can gain the most muscle and loose the most weight. We have participation from over 35 people working together in teams and as individuals to get in shape. ENS Dave Garden has organized challenging workouts which are conducive to shipboard life and the crew has actively participated in concentrating on staying healthy.

Although we like to have fun onboard it hasn't been all fun and games. As you can tell from the department articles everybody has been hard at work. The workload has not gone away from the intensive inport we had it continues to be grueling. Since we have been underway it has been constant upkeep of the ship as well as qualifying and re-qualifying personnel and systems. MORGENTHAU's crew has worked hard and the benefits have already and will continue to be seen in the safety and success of this deployment.

*-Submitted by ENS Chad Carlough*



SA Bristow  
FA Williamson  
OS3 Manship  
OS3 Sproul  
FS3 Strickland  
CWO Taylor  
SA Blancarte  
SN Bradshaw  
SA Torres

We have had a lot of Crewmembers Depart. We wish them fair winds and following seas.

SN Williams - Achievement Medal  
MKCM Engle - Commendation Medal  
OS2 Debetham - Letter of Commendation  
LTJG Hall - Achievement Medal  
ET2 McGrath - Letter of Commendation  
SN Smith - Letter of Appreciation  
EM1 Ieronimo - Achievement Medal  
SN Butler - Letter of Appreciation  
SN Kelley - Letter of Appreciation  
ET2 Nelson - Achievement Medal  
FN Clark - Letter of Appreciation  
FN Williams - Letter of Appreciation  
SK3 Gillespie - Letter of Appreciation  
SN Green - Letter of Appreciation  
SN Hoyt - Letter of Appreciation

**CREW RECOGNITION:**

We would like to recognize the following crewmembers.

Sailor of the Quarter:  
OS1 Guerrero (Jun-Aug)

Non-Rate of the Month  
FN Webb (August)  
FN Nevarez (September)

Welcome Aboards  
SA Gass  
SA Ralston  
SN Jaime  
SN McTague  
SN Murguido  
SN Valenzuela  
SN West  
ET3 Epps  
BM3 Sinkey  
ET3 Wright  
FS2 Taesali  
ET2 Zappia  
BM1 Aguilar  
FSCS McKnight  
ENS Garcia  
ET3 Peru  
MKCS Cook  
SA Acosta

Many Crewmembers have Advanced:

*August 1*  
GM2 Baenziger  
BM3 Brown  
DC2 Heilman  
IT2 Popo  
*September 1*  
FS3 Grandison  
OS1 Flory  
*September 10*  
SN Welsh  
*October 1*  
ET2 Munkelt



**SHOUT-OUTS FROM THE CREW:**

- OS3 Francisco G. Rodriguez sends: "Amorcito, te amo, gracias por fuerte y etsar en las buenas y malas"
- BM1 Juan Carlos Plata: "I miss you lots babe, you are my rock I will hopefully be home for xmas, make sure you get a big ol tree, To my little princess, be good fo your old man around the house, I will bring you something nice. Both for xmas and your b-day. To my son, "you're the man of the house boy" ALAPHA MALE. Take care off business, No boys in the house without mine and yours approval. To my cat I think there is a pit bull down the way who wants to be friends..."
- SK2 Brynn Healy sends: "Hey babe, I miss you so, so much, I cannot wait to come home and I have not even been underway for long. I think I am just anxious :) Give Jayda a hug for me and take her to the dog park a lot. I love you! XXOOO Oh by the way GO MIKE!"
- SK2 Brynn Healy sends: "Hey Mom, I hope you are enjoying your self in Miami, take care of Dearest and Dad :) Get a nice tan. Go to the Hard Rock Café and win some money! Love you!"
- SK2 Brynn Healy sends: "Hey Faygola :) I hope you are enjoying your quiet time, use it wisely. Go get a massage and facial every day, go hire some one to clean your house really good so you don't have to do anything. I promise I am trying to send those pictures but being out here makes it almost impossible to send them. I miss you and I love you. Muah"
- BM3 Stephen Hewitt Sends: "Hi Mom, Dad Heather grandmom and the rest of da family! Patrols been fun but far from over hopefully will come home next import but no promises. Miss you all a Bunch. Love yas, Steve"
- FSCS Darryl McKnight sends: "I frag, I snipe, I win"
- OS3 Joshua Quinley sends: "Hey Brittany!! I hope your new job is going good. I know you are going to be good at it. I miss you lots!! I love you even more!! Xoxo"
- OS3 Joshua Quinley sends: "Hey Ma, Pa, Sis!! Hope things are going good. I know ya'll are enjoying the cool weather. It sure is hot down here. Love ya'll"
- CDR Jay Hawthorne sends: "Arin and Bean, I love and miss you bunches. Hope work and school are going well. See you soon."



- SK1 Brian Sorensen sends: "Danielle, Alexis, and Blake; I miss you all like I miss water that doesn't taste like watermelon. Word! And if you were here, you would know what I mean. I love you all and can't wait to see you. Keep smiling and keep my love in your hearts."
- To the Students and Faculty of Mountain View Elementary School: "We're having a great time on our patrol so far. We haven't had any good drug busts yet, but we'll let you know when we do. So far we've had lots and lots of training and we're excited about receiving our helicopter. It's really hot being this far South, but we're getting used to it. So far we've seen tons of whales, dolphins and sea turtles. We had our first port call in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. It is beautiful there, and the Mexican people were all very friendly. Flat Stanley wanted us to let you know that he's having a great time and he's glad you sent him on such a great trip. Keep up the studies, and we'll be in touch."
- OS2 Dustin Bingham sends: "Angela, I love ya and miss ya, thank you for staying by my side with everything the Coast Guard has to offer."
- ENS Chris Morris sends: "I miss you Anna, take care of pengin and beat Sindome before I get back! Love, Chris"
- ENS Chris Morris sends: "Jackhammer, I wrote you a haiku. How is Asia Chad? Nolan's angry you are gone, Your inbox is full."
- FS3 Whitney White sends: "Hi Mum, Mo, Joe, Derrius, Bobbi, and Tre. I love you all and look forward to seeing you this next in port. Miss you bunches, but having a blast rocking and rolling and cooking my fingers raw! Pirate galley indeed."
- MK3 Benjamin Denman sends: "Hey Maritza and Dave work has been real busy rowing this boat is hard on my back but, the squirrel cage that they normally have running in to turn these props is about online again I love and miss the 2 of you and get well soon baby doll."
- ET3 Michael Hazzard sends: "Hey everyone! Hope everybody is doing alright. Heather I love you! Give Wesley a hug and kiss from Daddy."
- SeaMan Jeremiah Schiessel sends: "Hello Kimberly, I just want you to know that I will be home soon and I miss you. And Cameron I know you are doing great in school I have not forgot about you and I miss you too. Love Jeremiah"

- MK3 Luisney Rodriguez sends: “Para mi gente de Sebring los quieros y cuidansen. I lov you Magdi and guile your brother Luisney and yes the 300 workout video is the chissness”
- YN3 Laura A. Prince sends: “Edwin my love I really miss you a lot and words can not describe how anxious I am to see you after what seems like a long time spent without you physically though you have still manage to be there for me. I love you so much and our almost first year of marriage has been a challenge but no challenge is too tough for me when it comes to you. You are my every thing baby and always will be. Also baby tell our beautiful little boy if you speak to him that he is always in my thoughts and there is not a moment that goes by that I am not thinking of him.”
- YN3 Laura A. Prince sends: "Mom I am so sorry that I could not be there for you in a time of need, however I think I am going to hire you a nanny to watch over you closely. You know to help you out of and into bed lol. I love you Mommy and I miss you so much take it easy until the walker arrives. Tell my sisters I love and miss them too. Well it is my last one hopefully, keep your fingers crossed and say a prayer. Tell Jay I said hello and I miss him too. Also tell my little critters that their aunt Laura misses them more than they could ever understand right now and last but not least give Rocky a hug and kiss after you give him a bath that is. Wendy I wanted to let you know still no orders yet but either way we will have our reunion.”
- MK2 Crystal Padin sends: “Hey babe, Maitte Zaitut. Give Juliette a big kiss for me and tell her mama loves her. Mom, Thanks for everything. I am SO EXCITED to come home for Christmas! I love you all!”
- DC3 Bill Kreutzkamp sends: “Hey baby I love you and miss you a lot. Hope the morning sickness isn’t to bad. Give the baby a kiss for me. mom and dad miss you guys hope you have a good thanksgiving. Give jake and ryan a hug and kiss for me. and tank and emma a treat for me.
- ENS Christie Davis sends: Hi Mom, Dad, Kev, M! It's been a busy first part of the patrol, but I'm looking forward to being home soon and spending New Years in Montana!”
- FS3 Spencer Strickland sends: “To the whole Strickland family, much love from somewhere in the pacific!!!”
- BMC Michael Haley sends: "Cynthia, I miss you babe. I love you and I'll be home for Christmas. Sean, Daddy misses you and loves you too. Keep working on those ABC's.”
- ENS Chadwick Carlough sends: “Happy Birthday Mama Bear”
- OS1 Michael Guerrero sends: "Hey Shar, the patrol has just begun but before you know it, I'll be home to meet our Sharriana Sky. I hope that you take it easy and be safe. Take care of Chubby and tell mom and Shaun I said hi. I love and miss you!"
- MK1 Mark Childers sends: "Hello everyone. Hope you are having a wonder Fall season. I don't think Fall finds its way where we are. Way too hot. Love you all. Hope you had a wonderful Halloween!"
- FN Clarence Rivera sends: "Wanna say howzit to my family and friends, Tony Group, AMT Boys, Kapahulu Trainers and Orange County Boys/Girls. Take care and train hard. Mom, no worries."
- OS3 Jordan Waters sends: “Hey baby I miss you guys and I am glad to see everything is going good with church. I love you guys I send a BIG HUG and kiss to all of you.”
- OS3 Jordan Waters sends: “Hey Mom, Dad and family we miss you guys. Jonathan we hope you are getting over that cold. Tell Grandmom I said Hi. You are in our prayers”
- HS3 Barry Pittman sends: “Hi Jess I love you and cant wait to see you when I get home!”



- ENS James Bennett sends: "Hey Ashley, Peyton, and Logan. I love you all very much. Only a little more than a month to go!"
- MK1 Michael Miller sends: "Dear Esposa I Love you and miss you. I know your working really hard at home by yourself and I do appreciate it. To Tyler I hope your enjoying soccer and school. As soon as I get home you'll have to show me your new moves. A.J. I hope your learning some new words so when I get back we can work on merry Christmas. I hope your Thanksgiving goes well. Love Michael"
- LTJG Josiah Starr sends: "Miss you all....see you soon!!!! (Hopefully)"
- OS3 Samuel Sproul sends: "I'm not sick yet!"
- CWO James O'Brien sends: "My love, miss you! Give Kiera a big hug from me, I can't wait to be home for Christmas and our trip up to Tahoe."
- CWO James O'Brien sends: "Mom and Harry, Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving, Love you, see you in December."
- CWO James O'Brien sends: "Dad and Lisa, Sorry I didn't get to stop by and see you before I left. We all need to go out to dinner when I get back in December."
- SN Amir Ebrahim sends: "I just want to say what's up to my family back home. Mom, I love you. Zak and Nura, hope u guys are living good and enjoying your selves. Tell Sharon and Hesham I said what up. And to my beautiful wife, I love you so much and can't wait to get home to see you."
- ET1 Smiley sends: "I love you!"
- ENS Bryan Radik sends: "I miss you Celeste. All is well. I love you Squirt and also Sydnie, Preston, Alex, and Vincent. We'll be together soon"
- Tom Brady sends: "ENS Conrad, you're my favorite fantasy football player!"
- ENS Cuevas sends: "Chad, Hope the vacation is going well. Can't wait to see you, bud."
- ENS Ricky Colby sends: "Fam, Thanks for the notes. It's good to hear what you're up to, and strangely nice to hear how not much has changed. I will write when I can and look forward to talking to you all soon. Love you and Miss you."
- SK3 Fausto Matta sends: "Neto, Cameron is a beautiful baby! Congratulations. I'm a very happy uncle. Hope 2-C-U-ZOOM. Say hello to Mom. I miss y'all."
- SK3 Fausto Matta sends: "Mrs. Mercedes Muñoz: I'm having fun/working in the middle of the Pacific. Will call soon (I promise). Please say hello to Manuel, Adam, Yoel, Rachel and the baby."
- ET2 Mark Edillon sends: "Hi Joyce, I miss you and baby Nathaniel very much. I love you both, say thanks to mom and hi to everyone for me!"
- SN Steve Sims sends: "I love you mommy, tell Daddy, Devan, and Mer that am working hard and you all will be proud of the things am doing."
- ENS Chadwick Carlough sends: "Hello to all of my family and friends I hope everything back on the East Coast is going well I am looking forward to seeing you guys in January"
- BM3 Daniel Brown sends: "Hey my family just wanted to say I miss you guys and love you all. Ill call you guys as soon as I get the chance. Kaniela"
- ENS Trish Jantzen sends: "Hey everyone back home. We've been really really busy out here. I hope things are going well with all of you. I'm super excited for XMAS. Look forward to seeing everyone soon, hopefully. I'll be in touch when I can. Love, Trish"

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,

The Officers, Chiefs, and Crew of  
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