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Commanding Officer

Underway

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Dear MIDGETT Family and Friends,

I hope that everyone has enjoyed their summer and the great tropical weather that Seattle experienced during the last few months. As you know, the summer transfer season is always hectic, and we certainly had many old shipmates depart and many new shipmates arrive. I would like to welcome each and every new family member and friend of the CGC MIDGETT crew. Prior to our departure on the 29th of August, we participated in an international naval exercise in the Puget Sound area with Coast Guard ships from Canada, Japan and Russia. Thanks to the hard work of our crew the exercise was a huge success. We are now en route to San Diego for a brief stop for logistics and then we continue on our long-term tasking of working for Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF – South). While we can't provide the details of where we will be patrolling, suffice to say that we hope to set another record for drug seizures in a single patrol. I will keep you posted on our hard work and success. Our patrol ends in Seattle on 10 November 2009.

As a final reminder, Angela Keane departed as our OMBUDSMAN and she has been replaced with four new volunteers. I can't thank each of these volunteers enough for their willingness to step forward and offer their support and assistance to the MIDGETT family. They are:

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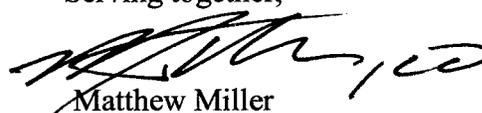
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The OMBUDSMEN are a critically important link between the command and the crew's families, and are key in helping the command provide the support you may need. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the OMBUDSMEN if you have questions or need assistance during our deployment.

Serving together,



Matthew Miller