



Captain Matthew E. Miller
Commanding Officer

Seattle

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Dear MIDGETT Family and Friends,

First, I would like to thank the crew for the hard work they have put forth during the last several months and thank them in advance for the hard work I know they are going to accomplish during our coming patrol. Secondly, I would like to take a minute to quickly introduce myself to you. I am reporting from the Office of Congressional Affairs, where I served for almost two-years in the office of Senator Trent Lott. My prior tours include six cutter tours; three as Commanding Officer and two as Executive Officer. In fact, one of my Executive Officer tours was aboard the MIDGETT just four years ago. I have been married 16 years to my wife Iliana, and we have three children; Emilie (13), Kellie (11), and Jack (10). We live on Bainbridge Island and we are happy to be back in the Pacific Northwest. There is no other crew I would rather be serving with than the professional men and women aboard MIDGETT.

As you may know, we depart Seattle on Monday, August 11th, so our time in port is quickly going by, and thus the time the crew has to spend with you is becoming increasingly more important. I had thought about scheduling a crew function, but I do not want to take any of your valuable time. However, the Coast Guard Day Picnic will be held on Friday, August 8th at Nile Shrine Golf & Country Club in Mountlake Terrace, WA. There are lots of kid's activities, good food, and fun! Tickets can be purchased at the picnic site; \$6.00 for active duty and dependents older than 13 and \$3.00 for dependents 6-12. I hope you can attend, as it will be both fun and a great opportunity to meet other MIDGETT crew, family and friends.

Finally, after we depart on August 11th do not forget that you are not alone. Our OMBUDSMEN is Angela Keane. Her contact information is:

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In addition, do not hesitate to contact me, the Executive Officer, or the Command Chief (Senior Chief Bandalan) via email if you have any issues that you may need assistance with.

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The only way we can provide assistance is if you ask for help, so please do not hesitate to ask. We are scheduled to return to Seattle on or about November 11, 2008. I will keep you advised if our patrol tasking changes or our return date changes.

Serving together,



Matthew Miller