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Dear MIDGETT Family and Friends,

I wanted to take another minute of your time and provide you an update on how we are doing. The patrol is now half over and we are looking forward to getting home. As I expected, the crew has performed spectacularly and has made history with our recent seizure of almost 9 tons of cocaine from a self-propelled semi-submersible vessel (similar to a submarine). It was the first ever seizure by a Coast Guard Cutter. The video of the high stress boarding made national news, and you can view it at <http://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/786/228113/>. Pretty impressive! We are working hard to find another vessel loaded with drugs to add to our already historic patrol. We are still scheduled to return to Seattle as previously planed, on Saturday, 15 November 2008.

As a reminder, our OMBUDSMEN is Angela Keane. She has done an exceptional job for you and the crew, so please do not hesitate to contact her if you have questions or need assistance. In fact, she has worked with some other MIDGETT family and friends to organize a family night out at Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center in Tukwila for a night of pizza, fun and games. It will be Oct. 4th from 6-8pm, and the center is providing a private room free of charge as a military appreciation. The ship will cover the cost of the pizza and drinks, so as Angela states, you "only have to concentrate on having fun!" If you are interested in attending, please contact her so she can get an accurate head count. I hope you can make it to this nice event. Her contact information is:

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Finally, the holidays are right around the corner, and we would like to begin planning a family holiday party if there is interest. If you have ideas or suggestions for a party, please share them with Angela.

I will update you again as operations allow, but will certainly update you as we get closer to our scheduled return. Enjoy the fall!

Serving together,

Matthew Miller