

USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722)

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easily they blend in with their environment and the extremely low radar profile they give off. Well, we took all the data in and set an intercept course with both our turbines on flank bell turning for 27+ kts.

A number of hours later, we got into a position where we felt we could launch and search with our helicopter. The relief military patrol aircraft was just arriving on scene as well, which was a big relief as sunset was approaching and we were running out of daylight to find it. Our outstanding Operations Specialists took control of both our helo and military patrol aircraft and, in just over 1 hour, had successfully vectored the aircraft right over the go-fast vessel, who had no idea his day was about to end badly. Within minutes of receiving the report from the aircraft that they had spotted the go-fast, we directed our helo to "RTB" for a hot gas and re-launch. We adjusted our course for intercept and within 30 minutes of launching our helo, received reports from our pilots that they had successfully stopped and the go-fast vessel, and that the drug runners were mustered with their hands in the air.

MORGENTHAU arrived on scene about an hour later and launched our small boat with our superb law enforcement boarding team who, with proper authority, took control of the situation and confirmed "bingo" over the radio, indicating that they had discovered contraband on board the go-fast. A number of hours later, we had transferred the 4 go-fast vessel crew members and 62 bales (~ 1.5 tons) of cocaine to MORGENTHAU. Given past cases, I estimate that there were another 30 or so bales in this particular load that the go-fast had jettisoned over the side during the chase with the aircraft overhead before our helicopter arrived on-scene.



This migrant vessel carried 63 migrants and 5 smugglers

Well, that was a very exciting case and one that truly showcased MORGENTHAU's might down here in the drug lanes. After a few slow weeks, we thought that might be it for this patrol, until I got a phone call at about 0230 in the morning from the bridge indicating that "combat" had

FROM THE BRIDGE:

CAPTAIN KEVIN O'DAY

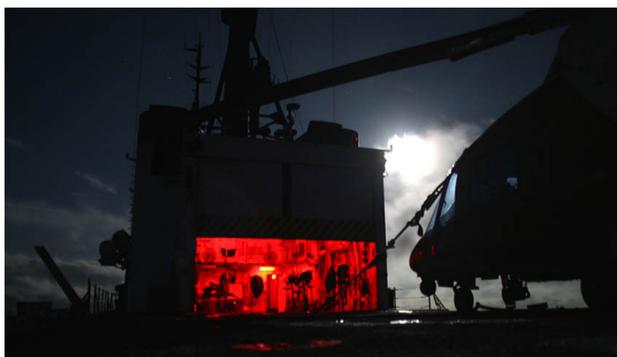
Greetings Again Family and Friends,



Well, as I noted at the end of my last Newsletter, it didn't talk long at all for the Colombian drug lords and drug runners to feel the presence of MORGENTHAU in the Eastern Pacific drug lanes.

Just two days after receiving our MH-68 helicopter and one day after completing our training and required drills to ensure we were fully certified for counter-drug operations, MORGENTHAU found itself in the middle of multiple go-fast vessel chase about 350 miles west of Colombia. Based on our assessment, we felt there was a case developing in that area, so we cheated a bit and put the turbines on for over a day to get ourselves in position to help out our tactical commander in Key West in case they needed us. They were happy we did, because our ability to employ warning shots and disabling fire, both by day and night, is a unique capability that MORGENTHAU brings to the counter-drug fight to stop these go-fast vessels from reaching their destination.

We got word from a military patrol aircraft that they had spotted not one, but two profile go-fast vessels about 150nm southeast from our location. The good news was our tactical commander now had two surface assets down in that area to execute end game on each, so they assigned the fastest moving go-fast vessel to MORGENTHAU and the other to a US Navy frigate working in the area that had a CG law enforcement duty detachment onboard. The problem with our go-fast vessel was that we were still too far away to launch our helicopter and the military patrol aircraft was approaching it's "bingo" time on fuel and had to head back in and the next aircraft would not be on scene to help us for several more hours. That meant we'd have about a 3-4 hour gap with no "eyes on" this go-fast vessel, which is not good given how



The MH-68 is onboard prior to a take off with Night Vision Goggles.

reported a small contact on radar moving on the northwesterly course several hundred miles southeast of El Salvador. The decision was made to intercept, and about 30 minutes later, the unknown contact was well within our visible horizon, but we still could not see any navigation lights! That was very suspicious, so we continued to close. Well, after arriving on scene and energizing our powerful 19 inch search light, we got a good look at this strange vessel and immediately suspected, given it's design and the actions of the crew, that we had intercepted an migrant smuggling vessel.

We passed all the information to our tactical commander, who, after engaging with both the governments of Guatemala and Ecuador, authorized us to go onboard and have a closer look. Within minutes of boarding this old 40 foot wooden long liner, MORGENTHAU's boarding officer confirmed that it was indeed a migrant vessel with at least 50 migrants tucked hiding in the cargo bay and bowels of the boat. Over the next 3 or so hours, the outstanding crew of MORGENTHAU sprang into action, as we set our "Alien Migration Interdiction Operation" Bill and boat handling detail. Our expertly skilled coxswains, boat crew members safely transferred all the 63 Ecuadorian migrants and the 5 migrant smugglers to MORGENTHAU using our small boats. The migrants were searched for weapons, given a health and safety and other checks and then were mustered in our helicopter hangar before they received a sleeping pad, toiletry kit and their first hot meal in a while in order to make their stay on MORGENTHAU as pleasant as possible. Little did they know, or we know actually, that we would have to wake them up at 2300 that night as we, once again, launched our helicopter into the pitch black darkness in search of a suspected mother ship after a possible multi-ton drug case popped open less than 200nm from us.

Several days later, we safely transferred the 63 migrants and 5 migrant smugglers to US and Guatemalan officials in Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala. Then, we were off again on another counter-drug hunt... no rest for the weary.

Okay, long article for this newsletter because lots has happened again aboard MORGENTHAU since our last one. In between all this, we had a very nice Thanksgiving onboard courtesy of our outstanding Food Service Specialists, who have been doing a truly fabulous job cooking for the crew this whole patrol. We all gave thanks to our family and friends back home, who we all missed very much this holiday, but look forward to seeing soon enough. And, I will say once again, that you all have much to be proud of for the outstanding work this crew continues to do on behalf of the Coast Guard and our country. Be sure to know, however, we could not do it without your love and support, so thank you all again for all you do for all of us back home.

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

Best Regards –
Captain Kevin M. O'Day
Commanding Officer



FROM THE NEWSLETTER TEAM **ENS CHAD CARLOUGH**

Greetings once again from the USCGC MORGENTHAU. I hope all of you were able to enjoy your Thanksgiving and are getting into the holiday cheer. It has been a few weeks since you last heard from us but rest assure it is not due to a lack of things to write about. Every person onboard has been pulling their own weight to ensure MORG to be the best asset in the "Eastern Pacific." I hope this newsletter provides you with a picture of what your friends and loved ones have been doing over the past weeks. Your love and support for our crew helps make USCGC MORGENTHAU the "Pride of the Pacific"- Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and please contact us with any request, comments or concerns. Stay tuned for the next newsletter to come your way.



-ENS Chad Carlough

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT **LCDR BRIAN HIGGINS**

Well, after a few torturous weeks underway, the Engineers finally slipped into an Underway Groove. Puerto Vallarta was a welcomed early break after the patrol's rough start. I spent an evening there eating dinner at "Le Cliff", a spectacular restaurant that was literally constructed down the edge of a cliff (great view!). ENS Bennett was with me & we both nearly jumped off Le Cliff after receiving the bill. Back in town, Engineers were busy unwinding after escaping from the ship...MK2 Conable helped fund a crazy night at Carlos O'Brien's, where now-LTJG Colby (promotion! congratulations!) caught the eye of a shooter girl... nice work! Others wandered the streets looking for silver jewelry, tequila or a good fish taco. Thankfully we left Puerto Vallarta w/out incident, maintaining our perfect port call record. Back underway, MK3 Denman resumed his punishing workouts & engineroom repairs, and has begun



MK3 Denmen, FN Gass and FN Inwood cool down in Main Control



EM3 Torrez and FN Myler are part of the fueling team and have worked wicked hard this patrol to maintain proper readings during fueling evolutions.

teaching FN Gass how to operate the Evaporator. Main Prop quickly returned to form, w/ MK1 Childers miraculously finding critical parts while MK2 Padin lead work at all hours day & night to keep the bilges dry & minimize dangerous oil & fuel leaks. MKCS Cook is quickly learning the tricks of the 378 trade while singing country music songs on the throttle platform. FN Nevarez has embraced diversity, working part time in the ship's office & throwing mad yo-yo tricks on the side. FN Rivera is still riding high on his orders to MST school, while FN Inwood recently achieved hero-status by putting out a small Engineroom fire. And she loves to remain hydrated on watch! Leading them all is the caffeine-fueled MPA, CWO Saiz, who just might consume more tea & Diet Coke than the entire population of Wyoming...

After some hard driving by the operators, MORGENTHAU eventually got thirsty for fuel & an arrangement was made to meet the USNS SATURN for Refueling At Sea (RAS). Yes, there is fuel on SATURN, although getting fuel from SATURN to MORG proved somewhat problematic...during the first attempt a fuel leak erupted out of our Starboard RAS fueling station. LTJG Colby initially deflected the leak w/ his face, DC3 Serrano quickly reacted w/his usual superhuman intensity to stop the leak, and DCC Cox yelled "STOP THE PUMP" so loud it was likely heard on SATURN (the planet). Luckily the spill was contained on deck, thanks to MK3 Knepp's strategic placement of plugs, absorbent socks & buckets & pads...MK1 Miller then led the rapid NASCAR-style RAS valve removal & blank flange... followed quickly by an MK2 Conable-led onload of 65,000 gallons of fuel at a record 1000 gal/min! After this mayhem subsided, we turned to MK3 Gogo & MK3 Maher for disposal of our small mountain of oily rags via a 48-hour incinerator burnathon, executed w/ the help of ENS Radik, MK2 Cabrera & many others. FN Webb & FN Jaime have been watching from the sidelines, both are mess cooking but eager to get back into the Engineering Game.

After fueling, we lit out on a mighty turbine run that maxed our fuel filter capacity, forcing a dreaded filter change out. MK3 Rodriguez & MK1 Newling tied matching purple rags around their heads (???) before descending into the infamous

hot & noisy Diesel Oil Pump Room to pull off another triumphant changeout, backed up by FN Myler. These guys make it look easier than melting butter in a volcano, and then dragged the double-bagged fuel-soaked spent filters to flam stores. On a side note, MK3 Rodriguez is apparently seeking a 'hero-waiver' for the difficult DCPQS test, having put out 2 fires already this patrol. Nice try Rodriguez...

Meanwhile, the new boiler control system has also been keeping MORG Engineers busy with a flood of alarms, prompting another righteous repair effort. Eventually we ended up 'punching' boiler tubes (think chimney sweeping), never a clean job. But FN Branson, FN Williamson & ENS Garcia made the best of it, becoming true carbon-based life forms as they removed pounds of soot during the epic boiler cleaning effort. DC3 Kreutzkamp was also called into service for the job, replacing bent cover studs in the 160 degree heat. Despite the wicked conditions, DC3 Kreutzkamp intelligently remained hydrated throughout the 2 hour project. Are the boiler issues solved? No, as indicated by the pulsing veins in MKC Buckley's temple! But at least the boiler tubes are hella clean! Sadly, amid the work a 150 lb boiler backplate ended up on MK1 Newling's foot, just behind the steel toe, ending an amazing streak of accomplishments for our heroic Aux field commander. He did receive a free helo ride to shore for his efforts, but we could tell he was sad to go.

Finally, another fueling was in order, this time in the primal Guatemalan port of Puerto Quetzal. The EMS' crack sounding team, EM3 Torres & EM3 Glover (TAD fm Station Buffalo, NY), wasn't needed this go 'round so they focused instead on looking for grounds in different lighting zones, flipping breakers as they went. Save your computer work frequently, you never know when everything will go dark! EM3 Decker (TAD fm CGC Biscayne Bay) eagerly awaits the next pipe for "the Duty EM", especially exciting during hectic 24-hour operations... need help turning on a light? Call the Duty EM! EM3 Tuck is standing security watches, and EM3 Douglas continues his class in psychology, which may or may not lead to a better understanding of his shipmates' at-sea behavior. EM1 Raffino seems unusually comfortable in the throttlemans chair lately, perhaps the leather upholstery reminds him of his lonely Corvette back home. Meanwhile, the ferocious EMC



Recdeck 3 is filled with the engineers after a rigorous day.

Knizeski continues to drive his Division to victory while reminding everyone that Communism is evil. No red stars on HIS Christmas Tree!

So now we enter the Christmas Season, and we hope Santa gives us massive NESU support this inport, it is high on our wish list. In the meantime, we're all looking forward to getting back home & spending quality time w/our friends & families. Until then, as DC2 Heilmann recently proclaimed to me during a rare outdoor engineering gathering, "Life on MORGENTHAU is Fantastic!"

-LCDR Brian Higgins

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

LT CHRISTOPHER MEIK

When last we left you, gentle reader, the Operations Department bade a fond farewell, baiting your interest in future installments of the newsletter with promises of riveting accounts of open-ocean chivalry and daring-do (or something like that). And we have delivered...



Right about the time the last newsletter was getting distributed throughout the electro-verse to our 800+ "subscribers", MORGENTHAU was wrapping up the details of a very successful counter-drug operation in which we seized over 3,050lbs of cocaine and detained four suspected narco-terrorists. Due to the sensitive nature of the case, then still very much in the closing stages, and our intention to distribute the newsletter as regularly as we could, we weren't able to give the case the attention that we're giving it now. To reiterate what's already been said elsewhere, it was a masterful convergence of many assets, skills, operators, technicians... which is to say MORGENTHAU crewmembers... that made it happen. As always, the folks in CIC earn the honorable mention... were it not for their dedication to doing what they do, MORGENTHAU wouldn't

even have a reason to be out here. It's arguable, of course, that the folks responsible for turning the screw and swinging the rudder could apply copious amounts of horsepower and run amok amidst the Eastern Pacific, poking the pointy part of the bow into random vessels until they eventually struck gold and got a bad guy... but the taxpayers would be hard pressed



Our AVDET mission commander LTjg Mase returns from a mid-afternoon flight.

to fund that kind of over-zealous and reckless privateering. Better to be stealthy, well organized, and supported by an armada of intelligence-bearing partner assets, which is to say it's better to let the folks in CIC do their thing, which again is why we're out here in the first place.

But that's not to say that a missed holiday at home is their fault. But on the other hand, er...well... you know what we mean.

And with that, please know that despite our absence from our tables at home, your friends and loved ones on the MORGENTHAU enjoyed a fairly fantastic holiday meal. Our food service division did about as good a job in making us feel 'at home' as can be asked of anyone, and that's no small feat. Walking about the decks, it seemed that there was enough bonhomie to counter that element of melancholy that burdens a sailor from time to time, and especially about the holiday season. And as an aside, don't let that 2am "Hello loved one, I'm out with my friends and having a great time in an exotic port call.. whoops, were you sleeping?" telephone call fool you... that 'exuberance and committed revelry' is the exception of life at sea, not the norm, I assure you. A highlight, as opposed to a watermark, if you will. .

Just as holidays present a mixed bag of emotions, so do Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations, another of our many missions we've executed in recent weeks. A few days before Thanksgiving, our bridge team spied a vessel on the horizon that stood up a few well-disciplined hairs. The AMIO bill sounded soon after and we ended up interdicting 63 Ecuadorian economic migrants, all of whom were safely extricated and transferred ashore days later in Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala. In typical fashion, MORGENTHAU performed with dignity, compassion, and paramount professionalism.



The Navigation Division's LTjg Jantzen observes BM3 Hewitt as he lays down a fix to find out where MORG is in the "Eastern Pacific"

In the days since, we've scored some very near 'misses' in the counter-drug game but we continue, as is our way, to track and attack all targets of interest. (and by attack I mean focus resources, not attack as in ram into them with the pointy end of the boat). As many know, MORGENTHAU's gained some well-earned renown for our ability to execute the 'end game' ... a game begun and ended by the Operations Department.

As the days in our patrol schedule start to run out, along with the countdown timer to our CART in San Diego, we're starting to divide our time between scouring the ocean looking for bad guys, searching the internet for holiday sales on iPods and mining mounds of obscure Navy publications, trying to preemptively spotlight the infamous "500lb Gorillas" that lie in wait, ready to pounce, once the inspector/trainers step over the brow. We are, after all, the original multi-tasking, multi-mission uniformed service. Until the next installment, or until we show up for the holiday festivity of your choice, whichever happens first, you bring the eggnog and rum balls, we'll bring the exuberance and committed revelry (that's all we're good for... we're out of eggs and rum). He or she that brings a shock collar for the gorilla to the party gets an extra round of exuberance, on the house.

-Submitted by CWO2 Jason Brooks

WEAPONS DEPARTMENT NEWS LTJG JOSIAH STARR

To all of our family & friends, I want to say hello and happy holidays, on behalf of the entire Weapons Department! It's amazing how time flies when you're kicking butt & having fun! It seems like only yesterday we were preparing to leave homeport to embark on this journey of ours. Since that time, our department has transformed into a relentless ensemble of sailors; ready to conquer all challenges. We are truly "Frosty"..... aren't we WEPS Dept? I am extremely proud of each and every one of our department members. It's truly an honor to be their leader & I look forward to conquering many more challenges beside them. I wish each of you back home could see what your loved ones are accomplishing on a daily basis, you all would & should be proud. In my mind, this is the poster child for tax dollars well spent. We have folks from Texas, Idaho, California, Arizona, Wisconsin, Florida, Maryland, Washington, Massachusetts, etc... different backgrounds, races, cultures & age groups; all working together to achieve perfection. While folks back home are dividing themselves due to the upcoming political nominations & various other fault line issues plastered in the news; we stand our post out here together as one. In my humble opinion, the true American spirit is out here with us, we are all one family; the MORGENTHAU family. We pick up one another when we need too, cheer each other on during missions, and look out for all our shipmates when danger is present. Quite simply, this is America at its best.



For a bit more insight into the great work we are doing onboard MORGENTHAU, I will start off with our outstanding Armory division. Our GM's have been performing some Herculean like tasks of late under the expert tutorage of GMC Jacobs. In between performing mountains of Preventive Maintenance on our 76mm gun, they have been training all our Law Enforcement Team Members as Small Arms instructors and training new personnel on 25mm & 50 cal procedures. There hard work was evident during our first gun exercise when they displayed there "dead on shooting" skills. Good job GM2's Kinker, Carpenter, & Baenzinger. I'd hate to be on the receiving end of those rounds!



GMC Jacobs, GM2 Baenzinger and GM3 Kinker work on the 50 Cal

Our very own BM2 Spicer was selected to speak with our Commandant, Admiral Thad Allen, on Thanksgiving. He was really thrilled to have an opportunity to converse with Admiral Allen, which given his performance onboard MORGENTHAU, was well deserved. Our Deck Division has truly benefited from the steadfast leadership of our new 1LT Ryan Taylor and our rock solid Chief, BMC Walper. There leadership ability was clearly evident during the many recent successes within the division. Most noteworthy was our highly successful at sea refueling evolution, which was planned out



Deck force talks bout that "Frostyness" as they prepare to refuel at sea with the USNS Saturn.

perfectly & well executed. SN Haslett recently received a promotion to Seamen this month. Congratulations SN Haslett, this will be the first of many more to come. Congratulations to our Non-Rate of the Month winner, SN West, keep up the good work. Also, SN Sims recently gained qualification as a Boat Crewman. I look forward to seeing you out there running the boat SN Sims!

Our Fire Control division has done an outstanding job thus far! Our Mark 92 radar & Close-In Weapon System have been operating flawlessly this patrol. You would be hard pressed to notice that this division has been without its Chief this patrol, due to the forward thinking of ENS Garden & ET2 Guardiola combined with the skill of ET2 Hazzard. They have done a fabulous job managing the division, while training their new “fast learning” shipmates ET2 Zappia, ET3’s Wright & Epps. All these folks are self-starters and they are a pleasure to work with. The entire division takes great pride in exhibiting its expertise. Don’t worry guys, our gun shot will be coming up soon so standby!

I’d be remised if I don’t acknowledge the accomplishments of two Junior Officers within the department. Upon our return home, please say hello to our shiny new LTJG’s Nolan Cuevas & Christiana Hawn. They were both recently received a much deserved promotion this month. For Mr. Cuevas, it has been an especially productive month; he has also successfully screened for Junior Officer Command Afloat on his next tour. (Heck, I even saw him crack a smile, which you don’t see to often). Congratulations shipmates, the wetting down is on you of course!! Well...until next time MORGENTHAU fans. Rest assured our Weapons Dept will be out here doing the good deed, working hard, and staying “FROSTY.”

-Submitted by LTJG Starr

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT NEWS

CWO2 JAMES O’BRIEN

Welcome family and friends to another great addition of the Supply Departments Section of the Morgenthau Newsletter. We have been staying very busy out here in the great Eastern Pacific, but what keeps us going is all the support we get from the people back home. Thank you for all the emails, notes stuffed in our gear, and for keeping us in your thoughts. Now let’s get right into the sickbay and see what HSC Colinco has to say about the Health Services Division.



We are getting into the groove of things and are familiarizing ourselves with the crew. HS3 Pittman and I have recently arrived from opposite sides of the country. HS3 is from a 270 ft cutter, the CGC Harriet Lane in Portsmouth, Virginia. I am from a Seagoing Buoy Tender out of Hawaii, the CGC Walnut. We had seen most of the crew during our in-port routine and just about all the rest while at the Pacific Port “resort” of Puerto Vallarta.



The FS Division deserves a ton of credit for the hard work and great food through this patrol. Their Thanksgiving dinner was a true taste of home.

We have been very busy the last few months, ensuring that the crew remained healthy for this end of the year patrol. From immunizations to dental, from hearing tests to water quality we used our resources while at Alameda to the fullest. Nevertheless, we were available to help our shipmates 24/7. We welcome any feedback from the crew and if any of your concerns and expectations were not met, I hope you feel able to stop in and see either of us.

That Philosophy carries on through this Operation. There is no problem too small that it does not deserve our attention. Our sickbay provides Over-The-Counter medications (anything that you can buy at a drug store) to prescription drugs that can help you survive the patrol. Our office provides a perfect setting for healing and a place to get away from it all. (I am still working on a way to get HS3 Pittman into the Massage Therapy Class) We have a cozy air-conditioned 2-bedroom stateroom for special guests to enjoy. We have an open-planned exam room with a widescreen TV/DVD and to round out it all out a whirlpool bath waiting to take you away.

The HS Division would like to say thank you to Morgenthau’s Spanish interpreters, ENS O’Donnell, CTI2 Smith, MK2 Cabrera and OS3 Rodriguez for their assistance translating the



FS3 White is in the galley preparing all the trays for the evening meal.

medical needs of the many Spanish-speaking guest we recently had onboard. In addition, a special thanks to SK3 Mata for his language skills in medical assistance at Guatemala City during our most recent stop.

On another note . . . congratulations to the five winners of the Auction for the Morale use of the Sickbay Whirlpool. It will be worth the Morale donation! Happy Holidays to All!

Thank you for that great intro Doc. Now on to the hardest working YNs in the fleet, tell us what's going on Petty Officer Prince.



ET2 Guardiola, YN2 Kellehar, OS3 Rodriguez and DC3 Kreutzkamp are on the mess deck enjoying a few lollipops

The YN's office has been working on a number of things such as Annual verifications for the Month of November, Good Conducts, Sea Service, audits on all unit Personnel Data Records, customer service related issues, TDY orders, flight arrangements and also helping our YN strikers work towards the Zen like path of being Yeoman in the Coast Guard. I appreciate all their hard work and dedication. I would also like to give a special thanks to YN2 Kellehar for holding down the fort during our chief's absence while maintaining her own workload and only delegating the fun work down to me. She has shown a great willingness to go the extra mile resolving problems for Morgenthau's crew and I am proud to call her my shipmate. Our office would also like to send special thanks for the support from all of our Coastie Families at home and we would like to wish you all a Happy Belated Thanksgiving.

That was very moving YN3 Prince. Speaking of Thanks, I know the whole crew would like to thank the Food Service Department for the extra special Thanksgiving meal they prepared for us this year. We may not have been home for the

Holiday, but we certainly ate well. Ok, Senior Chief McKnight the deck is yours.

Another Fabulous Holiday Meal prepared underway and again, the FSs prove they know how to do a meal up right. FS3 Grandison and FS3 Strickland with the assistance of FS3 Israel and FS3 White prepared roast turkey and baked ham with all the trimmings. Top that off with a slice of delicious pumpkin pie with whipped cream and you have a meal fit for a king, or a member of Morgenthau's Crew. Both the FS1s were in the galley to assist the junior cooks with the meal, but showing how far along they have come this patrol, neither one of them had to lift so much as a Polenta Stick.

All of the cooks did a great job this patrol! Cooking, serving, and cleaning up after 170 people is a ton of work, but the Food Service Division prevailed.

The entire FS Division has done an excellent job this patrol, so thank you all. Last up we have the Storekeeper Division. They were busy catching up on some last minute work so I will just highlight a few of the superb SKs we have onboard.

First off, running the show in the SK office we have SKC Thompson. She reported aboard right near the end of our last patrol and jumped right in with both feet. She has been making quite an impression on the division restructuring the office and finishing the end of the year close out. Lucky for her and the whole crew, her right hand man is an "All Star". SK1 Sorenson had been running the division for several months before SKC arrived and with his assistance, she was able to come up to speed very quickly. Next, we have SK2 Healy, she has been with the SK division longer than anyone else, unfortunately for all of us, that mean she is due for rotation next spring. SK2 Healy is one of the hardest working members of the Morale committee and CGC Morgenthau's resident Fish call Champion. I know we will all miss the many Morale events she plans during our underway time; things will defiantly be a lot quieter without her outgoing personality around. Last but certainly not least, we have SK3 Matta in the shop. In addition to being our resident expert on CMPLUS, SK3 Matta is one of our Spanish interpreters. I know without his assistance things would be a lot more difficult in the Supply Department.

Well that about wraps things up for the Supply Department in this Newsletter, take care of each other out there, and rest assured, the Supply Department is doing everything they can to take care of our Morgenthau Shipmates.

-Submitted by CWO James O'Brien



MKCS Cook waits on Thanksgiving morning as the clay “turkey” flies past the fantail. He is one guy that does not miss.

as well as phone cards. Another big hit with the crew was the Bushfire Survival game where teams of four had to determine the best way to survive in any given situation. The XO, CDR Hawthorne was almost perfect and was the winner in that event. On Thanksgiving there were many events planned as well as a good relaxing day of steel beach and time to catch up on some sleep. It was amazing how the satellites aligned and we were able to watch NFL football all day long.

There was something for everybody ranging from a skeet shoot off the fantail to a football toss competition in the helo hanger and a paper football tournament on the messdeck. SN Green iced ENS Garden on the attempted game winning field goal in the championship game of the paper football tournament. ENS Garden’s attempt was wide right and SN Green marched down the field and scored beating ENS Garden by two points and taking home the I-Pod video Nano. ENS Garden, OS2 Addam, ET3 Hazard and IT2 Popo competed as out top four finalists for our football toss. MORGENTHAU was also able to put on a fish call. All in all when we are not working hard we are trying to have fun out here and so far we have done a really good job at both.

-Submitted by ENS Chad Carlough

SOUTH PAT 2007

As Captain O’Day and our Departments have mentioned MORGENTHAU has been extremely busy. Operations have not slowed down one iota since we have entered our operational area. We have gone from one case to another continually on the hunt to keep our country free of drugs and to protect our borders. Every department, every division, every crewmember has been working together at full speed as one unit to be successful in our counter narcotics patrol and to be the best asset in the “Eastern Pacific.”

Between all the hard work the morale committee has tried to keep everybody in good spirits with morale events and contests. The morale committee has put together some exciting events over the past few weeks. Bingo as always was a hit. The Weapons Department decided to hand out bingo cards and give away some really awesome prizes as part of their morale dinner night. IT2 Popo walked away with a very nice I-Pod speaker system and others won books and pillows

CREW RECOGNITION:

MORGENTHAU Sailor of the Year BM2 Young



Boatswain Mate Second Class Jessica Young was selected as MORGENTHAU’s Sailor of the Year. Over the past year BM2 has been an instrumental part of all MORGENTHAU’s operations and has been an outstanding leader onboard. BM2 is the primary

coxswain for the over the horizon small boat and has been an integral part of law enforcement operations in the transportation of our boarding team as well as contraband and detainees. BM2 is the Deck Division Training Petty Officer and has spearheaded a well organized program which met the demands of MORGENTHAU and improved the learning curve for the non-rated personnel onboard. She has proven her dedication and has qualified 38 helm/lookouts, 1 coxswain, 6 boat crew members, 12 boatswains mates of the watch and one Boat Davit Operator. BM2 has also been a vital part of MORGENTHAU’s success by managing the Rescue Swimmer and Respiratory Protection Programs. BM2 has completed all requirements for E-6 and recently took the Service Wide Exam for advancement. BM2 Young sets the example for all of her shipmates both on duty and off by volunteering her time outside of the Coast Guard and helps out at local bay area animal shelters. As being selected as MORGENTHAU’s Sailor of the Year she is entitled a seventy-two hour liberty pass, awarded an engraved plaque as well she will be nominated for the Pacific Area Enlisted Person of the Year. We thank her for all of her efforts onboard and wish her the best of luck.



OS2 Addam, IT2 Popo, ET3 Hazard and ENS Garden stand on the flight deck prior to the final round of the football toss

Phone Call from President Bush



Operations Specialist Second Class Dusty Bingham was selected to be one of the few men and women of our armed forces to be called on thanksgiving by President George W. Bush. OS2 Bingham was nominated by MORGENTHAU to be a candidate for the Presidential

Phone Call. The White House selected OS2 for all the great things he has accomplished onboard MORGENTHAU. OS2 is a senior member of his watch team. He has gone above and beyond the normal call of duty becoming qualified as a Boarding Officer and a leader in the Law Enforcement program by volunteering his time to teach and train future boarding team members and boarding officers boarding tactics and skills. Finally OS2 is a very active member of the bible study group onboard. He spoke with President Bush for several minutes talking about our operations, morale on board, and of course the great state of Texas the common grounds of both President Bush and Dusty Bingham.

Phone Call from Admiral Allen



Boatswain Mate Second Class Richard Spicer was selected as one of the few Coast Guard men and women who were able talked to Admiral Thad Allen the Commandant of the Coast Guard on Thanksgiving. BM2 Spicer was chosen because he has excelled in a

myriad of challenging positions aboard CGC MORGENTHAU. He is a volunteer member of MORGENTHAU's law enforcement team and is a certified Boarding Officer. BM2 takes pride in teaching tactical procedures and the proper techniques of Coast Guard law enforcement to the new members of MORGENTHAU's law enforcement team. The supervisor to 30 members of deck force, BM2 Spicer is a proven leader who continues to mentor the men and women who represent the future of the Coast Guard. BM2 passed the good graces, support and thank you from the Commandant to the crew of MORGENTHAU.

We would also like to recognize the following crewmembers.

Qualifications:

Boat Crewman:

BM1 Aguilar

Helmsman & Lookout:

SN Murguido

SN Ralston

SN West

SN Sanders

SN Acosta

Proxyman:

DC3 Kreutzkamp

Gangway Petty Officer of the Watch:
BM3 Sinkey

Basic DCPQS:

SN West

BM1 Aguilar

CWO Taylor

Inport Security Watchstander:
SN Ralston

Boarding Officer:
BM2 Spicer

Advancement:

SA Haslett to SN

FA Ontiveros to FN

ENS Conrad to LTJG

ENS Colby to LTJG

ENS Cuevas to LTJG

ENS Hawn to LTJG

ENS Jantzen to LTJG

ENS Morris to LTJG



BM2 Young is the leader of this OTH during drills with the MH-68

SHOUT-OUTS FROM THE CREW:

- DC3 Bill Kreutzkamp sends: "Hey baby hope you had a good thanksgiving with your family. Miss you a ton. Take good care of "lime" for us. Be good till I get home :P. Mom and Dad miss you guys and I hope to be home for Christmas. Talk to you guys later."
- SK1 Brian Sorensen sends: "Sunshine, Alexis, and Blake, I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. Now I bet you guys are getting in the Christmas Spirit. I love you all and can't wait to see you. All of you are always in my thoughts. Be safe."
- CTI1 Micaela Herrera sends: "Billy, Thank you for stepping up and taking care of our K-I-Deez. Have you pulled all of your hair out yet? (smile) You are the love of my life! Congrats again on your shore duty orders... Now only one of us will have

to deploy. The Lord is good, isn't He? Take care sweetheart, and I'll be home soon! Tell the babies mama sends hugs, kisses and lots of love. Man, I miss you and them soooo much! Te amo mi amor y besos X 1,000,000,000...! Tu esposa futura, Mica"

- YN3 Laura A. Prince sends: "Baby I am so glad that it is almost over. I will see you soon. I love you and I am sorry we could not spend our one year together, but I thought about you all day. Love Always"



The crewmembers onboard MORG have been concentrating on getting fit. MK3 Denmann, MKCS Cook and IT2 Popo break a sweat in the gym

- CT11 Micaela Herrera sends: "Susie, Hope all is well with you, Freddy, and the boys. It was nice to talk to you on Thanksgiving Day. I hope to visit you with my babies and Billy sometime in the near future. Take care! Love your lil' sis, Mica"
- SN Martin Hampton sends: " I miss you baby girl! I'll be home soon...and then...Christmas! I love you Kim!"
- MK3 Luisney Rodriguez sends: "Ma and Pa los quiero mucho, saludo para todos los veo pronto."
- OSC Christopher Ramp sends: "Dearest Charissa and Chandler, I miss you both and hope all is well at home. It sure was nice to hear your voices, though brief it was. We've rounded second base and slowly, but steadily we're moving towards run scored. Chandler, I hope you have an exciting 8th birthday, and keep Dad posted on how those chores are going ;). See you both sooner than later and looking forward to evenings spent fireside!"
- OS1 Michael Guerrero sends: "Well Shar the time is getting closer and closer. Hopefully she can wait for me to get home. If not, tell her daddy loves her and wishes he could be home to greet her. Take care of yourself, Sharriana Skye and Chubby. I love you all...and miss you even more!"
- ET3 Michael Hazzard sends: "Hey everybody! I hope you guys had a great Turkey Day! Heather, you are my world and I can't wait to hold you in my arms again. Give my baby boy a big hug and kiss from his Daddy. Love Ya!!"
- BMC Michael Haley sends: "Cynthia, I'll be taking that long ride home before you know it, I love you. Sean, Daddy loves and misses you too, keep being good for mom".

- FS3 Whitney White sends: "Hey Ma, Mo, and Joe. Doing good, keepin' my powder dry and watching my 6 o'clock. Working hard and taking names. I love you so much, and thank you so much for helping me become the person I am today. Your confidence and pride in me keeps me going even when I feel I can't go on. One day at a time. Scruggles to the animals, especially Doggle. Send me pix of the new kitty. Peace, love, and Chicken Grease. Your Coastie Chef."
- OS2 Dusty Bingham sends: "Hey Mom, Dad, Lexie, and Romeo. Just wanted to say I really miss you, but I miss Hunting Season more. Take care of Matilda for me, exercise her regularly. Angela, Thank you for putting up with 2.5 years of underway, I love you and cant wait to get some good ole home cookin."
- OS3 Ian Scarborough sends: "My family back on the right coast, I miss you all. Hopefully I will see you Christmas Day!"
- ET2 Jeremy Munkelt sends: "Mom, Pop, and Shane; I'll see you guys soon and Shane you better have my board ready!"
- FSCS Darryl McKnight sends: "Debers miss you and can't wait to be home. I know you need MOM time, and Sam needs to be fraged. Sam its time for a New York party size pizza and some HALO3, or Need for Speed. Your classmates are invited to watch you get sniped. Thinking about an Alienware, how about it?"
- BM1 Juan Plata sends: "I miss you lots babe, hold down the fort, I will be home before you know it. We will have a good xmas. Alexis you better be good, and I have something special for you when I get home. To my son bumps, keep up the vigilant watch boy."
- ET3 Brennan Wright sends: "Kristie I love u and Miss u. Also, I can't wait to see you when I get home."
- MK2 Crystal Padin Sends: "I love you all so much. I can't wait to see you. Kiss my baby for me. MUAH!!!!!! Xoxoxo"
- YN3 Laura A. Prince sends: "Mom, Jay, Celina, Rachael, Danny, Dawnya, Heaven and Haley I miss you all and I am sorry that I missed another holiday, but I promise I will make it up to



YN3 Prince participates on MORG's professional paper football field during a paper football tournament held on Thanksgiving.

you. I hope that each and every one of you can visit me in Florida. I love you all."

- OS3 Samuel Sproul sends: "Hey Mom and Dad, I hope you guys had a great Thanksgiving vacation this year! I miss you guys a ton!"
- OS3 Samuel Sproul sends: "Hey Chris, I hope you're having fun down in Kentucky. Hope your move went smoothly and everything is working out ok. I miss you!"
- SKC Bonnie Thompson sends: "Hey Mom and Ed, all is the same. Still looking at water. Happy belated birthday Mom. Be nice to the goats. Love you both"
- SKC Bonnie Thompson sends: "Hey spydee man: Just wanted to say thank you for all the laughs, emails and support. Give thumper a kiss for me...I dare you. Keep your feet on the ground through those quakes. Stay safe, see you soon.
- FS3 Seel sends: "I hope your holiday was fun. Next year cannot come soon enough. Love Molly."

- MK3 Ben Denman sends: "Hey Maritza whats up babydoll 3/4 of the way done on this piece I miss and love you more than the world thank god these engines are running, cause last night I had to put on my snorkel gear to paddle the Morg across the deep blue."



- ENS Chadwick Carlough sends: "To my family and all my friends I miss you guys can't wait to see you soon."
- MK3 Ben Denman sends: "Hey David what up little man I miss and love you take care of your mom don't be hard on her, get strong and be tough, your Father"
- CWO James O'Brien sends: "Family & Friends, I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. I was thinking of everyone when we sat down during our turkey dinner. Look forward to seeing everyone during the Christmas Holiday. See you in a few more weeks."
- OS3 Ian Scarborough sends: "In a white sea of eyes, I see one pair I recognize. And I know that I WAS the luckiest. After you read this, you will know who this is for"
- OS2 Kyle Kelsey sends: "Stacey, I love you. You're a super woman and I miss you. Regulate the dog and make sure you tell him what's going to happen if he doesn't behave. And I guess I kinda miss the cat too, but only a little."

- OS2 Kyle Kelsey sends: "Rich and Steph are cool people."
- OS2 Kyle Kelsey sends: "Jonny B. you still owe me a birthday present and 2 months worth of watch, not to mention the immense mental suffering I have endured without you underway. Things just aint the same for gangsters."
- OS3 Francisco G. Rodriguez sends: "OLVIDATE DE Q. ESTA GENTE ME NEGARON IRME PA' NAVIDAD, DIOS SABE LO Q. HACE Y ALLA DIOS Q. SE ENCARGUE DE ELLOS!! I LOVE YOU GIRL!"
- ENS Bryan Radik sends: "I miss you Celeste, no matter how far away we are we'll always be close"
- FS1 Patrick Gittings sends: "Sweet Mona, I miss you everyday I'm gone, and I can't wait to get you in my arms again!"
- ET2 Michael Peru sends: "To my family I miss and love you all hope to see you soon!"
- ET2 Joe Zappia sends: "Hi Dana and Gwen, I love you both as much as the big planet!"

- FS1 Patrick Gittings sends: "Phillip, Peter and Palmer, I'll be home soon boys! I love you all!"
- MK1 Mark Childers sends: "Hello all. Hope everything is going well. Britt, hang in

there, things will only improve. Keep your head up. Taking lots of pictures for everyone so don't worry. Love you all, see you soon. Mark"

- Captain O'Day sends: "Fairwell to you Mrs. O'Neil, my DB. You have always been, and will always be in our hearts."

We'll continue to be safe out here on the high seas – you stay alert at home. We thank you for your support, e-mails and care packages especially During the holiday season! We're thinking of you all the time.

Best Regards,

The Officers, Chiefs, and Crew of
USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722)
"Decus Pacifici – Pride of the Pacific"

