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MIDGETT NEWSLETTER



By: FN Lopez

Letter from the Captain

Ahoy Friends & Family of MIDGETT!

I suppose this salutation is appropriate after just returning from over 80 action-packed days at sea. We are surely glad to be home, but are proud of the many accomplishment we achieved while conducting the nation's business. As with any Coast Guard cutter, returning to port means renewed acquaintances, time with the family and of course the reality of life ashore.

Please take a moment to look at some of the crew's accomplishments listed on the back page. One of the most difficult challenges for a ship is to take a crew with about one third transfer season turnover, sprinkle in a new CO, two new department heads, a new command senior chief, and at least eight new chiefs, then combine that with a ship freshly out of dry dock with the myriad shipyard gremlins still running around and shove them off to conduct a major mission. I am happy to say this crew came together, slew those gremlins and accomplished a great deal including nabbing some smugglers and getting drugs off the street. To top it all off, MIDGETT underwent a Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) in San Diego and the ship material condition and training programs were determined to be one of the best in the fleet. We actually returned to Seattle in

better shape than we left due to the hard work of the crew. I hope it is comforting to the families that the crew takes care of our home afloat and it is a safe environment in which to work.

We have a few small jobs scheduled for the next two months, more inport training, and (unfortunately) a great deal of paperwork that accompanies ship's business. This is the life of a Coast Guard cutter - sail, prepare to sail, then sail again.

I would ask you all to relish the time you have with friends and family while the ship in port - it is important. Time is a resource, please invest this resource in the meaningful things in your lives. Thank you for your support.

William R. Meese
Captain



By: BM3 Bernier



By: FS3 Rodriguez

Damage Control Training

A very important part of shipboard life is the ability to combat fires, flooding, and other potential casualties. In order to prepare each member of the crew for these situations, everyone is required to attain a certain level of damage control training.

Led by Damage Control Assistant, LTJG Tenley Barna, the Damage Control division provides training daily to newly reported personnel and continuously works with the ship's repair locker personnel to ensure the proper methods of combating fire and flooding are understood.

During this patrol, great deal of time was spent in training the skills of aviation fire fighting, shipboard fire fighting, hole patching, and the use of dewatering equipment.



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CART

SAN DIEGO, CA - A major success of Midgett's patrol was displaying operational excellence during the Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART). This assessment is conducted by the Afloat Training Group (ATG), which is a team of both Navy Coast Guard sailors.



Repair Locker 3- During a Main Space Fire Drill



On-scene Leader DC3 Hicks Leading Repair 3 Fire Team



Repair 2 Plotter SN Thigpen Documenting drill casualties on ship deck plates

ATG first conducts a thorough inspection of the ships overall condition. Evaluating not only equipment, but also items of concern on the administration side such as the documentation of crew qualifications. Secondly, ATG examines the effectiveness of the on-board training teams by observing all hands drills. In both aspects the Midgett crew excelled.

Fueling at Sea



By: CWO Pester

During the course of this patrol, MIDGETT on-loaded nearly 200,000 gallons of propulsion fuel during four fueling at sea operations. Fueling at Sea or FAS is an evolution that calls upon every member the ship's crew to showcase their individual talents. From excellent ship handling to operating the ship's propulsion plant with precision, everyone works together to ensure the safety of the ship.

Insider look: Ship Divisions



By: YN3 Sisenstein

ADMISTRATION - The Ship's Office is the first stop when reporting aboard Midgett. It is there that personnel reporting aboard will receive their check-in sheets and fill out paperwork to get all appropriate entitlements started.

During this patrol the Administration Division assisted 8 new permanent party personnel with check-ins and 9 others with temporary personnel assignments. They also assisted crewmembers in filling out pay and personnel paperwork, obtaining the official "red" passport to be able to depart and arrive in various foreign countries, obtaining new military ID Cards, and maintaining personnel records.



By: YN3 Sisenstein

Members of the Admin division

- YNC Taly
- YN2 Johnson
- YN3 Sisenstein.



AUXILIARY DIVISION – Each day, the members of the Auxiliary division utilize their 57 years of combined Coast Guard experience to aid them in the operation, repair, and maintenance of Midgett's auxiliary equipment ,which makes up 24 different systems ranging from fuel to refrigeration.



This patrol, Aux on-loaded 335,000 gallons of propulsion fuel, made important repairs on equipment such as the small boat davit, the incinerator, and the oily water separator., and completed important safety checklists to prepare the ship for CART, AVCERT, and TACT.



MK2 Light & MK3 Healy
Disassembling the Fuel Oil Purifier

The Combat Information Center primarily works to provide assistance to the OOD (Officer Of the Deck) to maintain Midgett's navigational safety underway. They also assure Midgett is able to communicate with our assets, other units in our operations area, and most of all our missed families back home. They are as the saying goes: "the eyes and ears of the Coast Guard".

Members of CIC Division

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| OSC Nutt | OS2 Buenaventura |
| OS1 Tudela | OS3 Taylor |
| OS1 Sweet-Burks | OS3 Riley |
| OS1 Rivas | OS3 Montgomery |
| OS2 Zack | |

Members of AUX Division

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| ENS Valadez | FN Nevenner |
| MK1 Majewski | FN Fullenwider |
| MK1 Parker | FN Mickschl |
| MK2 Light | FN Harps |
| MK3 Cole | FN McCarty |
| MK3 Healy | FN Lopez |



COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER-

Operations Specialists have a wide array of duties on board the Midgett. They have contributed countless hours assisting with the interdiction, seizure and interruption of narcotics trafficking during this patrol. They are manned up 24 hours a day in Midgett's Combat Information Center (CIC) and Communications Center.



By: BM3 Bernier

Recipe of the Patrol

From the FS team



By: FS3 Rodriguez

Crab cakes

- 2 Cans of lump crab meat
- 2 medium size avocados (ripe)
- 2 medium size mangoes (almost ripe)

- Open lump crab meat and mix by hand and add 1 tablespoon of old bay seasoning.
- Peel avocado and cut into small pieces then squeeze 14 lime and add 1tablespoon of fresh cilantro.
- Peel mango and cut into small pieces.

In a ramekin place the crab mixture on the bottom of ramekin then add a layer of diced mango then add a layer of avocado mixture. Press firmly so the crab cake ingredients will form well inside the ramekin (spray ramekin with Pam or a little of olive oil) before adding all the ingredients. After all the ingredients are in the ramekin then turn ramekin upside down on a cutting board or even surface and the crab cake should easily come out and be in a nice round form.

Makes 3 Crab Cakes

Crab cake sauce

- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 1teaspoon of garlic
- Pinch of oregano
- Pinch of basil
- Pinch of pepper
- Pinch of crushed red peppers (such as for pizza) Salt to taste

Place all the ingredients above in a blender or food processor mix for about 30 seconds then taste if it needs more salt.

After you have finished placing the crab cakes on a plate pour about 2 tablespoons of sauce on top of crab cakes. Ready to eat.

Mangoes can be substituted with Pineapple.

Week 3

Photo Contest Winner



By: SN Bradshaw

Week 4 Photo Contest Winner



By: OS3 Riley



By: IT1 Tynes

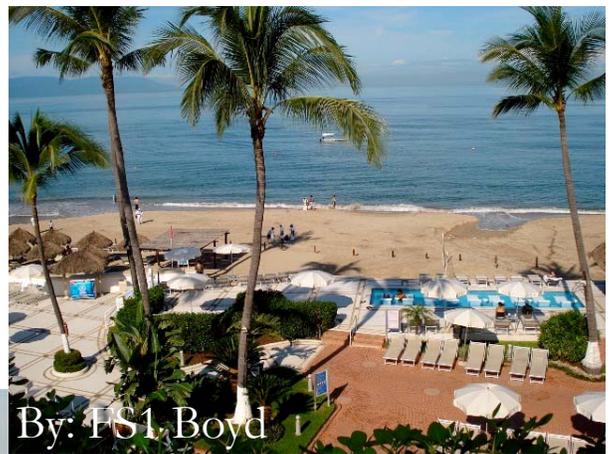
During the crews' visit to Puerto Vallarta, they were able to enjoy tours of the local area, horse back riding, all inclusive resorts, and the beach.

Port Call Puerto Vallarta



By: : SN Bradshaw

The last foreign stop the Midgett made was in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. This resort city made for a great stop due to modernization and safety being combined with a beautiful location and fun atmosphere.



By: FS1 Boyd

Special Thanks To Newsletter Contributors

- ENS Williams
- FCCS Melendez
- YNC Taly
- OCS Nutt
- OS1 Tudela
- OS2 Buenaventura
- YN3 Sisenstein
- All participates of the Patrol Photo Contest



By: SN To

Crew Recognition

Welcome Aboard

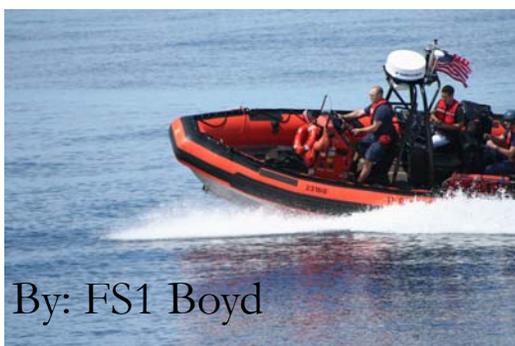
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ET3 RASMUSSEN	ESU SEATTLE
GM3 RODGERS	TRACEN YORKTOWN
OS3 TAYLOR	OS A SCHOOL
SNET ANDERSEN	ESU SEATTLE
FN MARTINEZESPINO	TRACEN YORKTOWN
FN MCDONNELL	TRACEN CAPE MAY
SN MERCADO	TRACEN CAPE MAY

Fair Winds Following Seas

Name	Unit
OS3 CORY	SEPARATION
OS3 LEE	SEPARATION
SN RAMOS	ME "A" SCHOOL
SN VALENTINE	BM "A" SCHOOL

Awards

Name	Type
ETC BUONO	GOOD CONDUCT
EM1 SCHAADT	GOOD CONDUCT
IT1 TYNES	GOOD CONDUCT
MK2 LIGHT	GOOD CONDUCT
OS2 SATOVICH	GOOD CONDUCT
ET3 ZANZE	GOOD CONDUCT
FNMK HAUCH	GOOD CONDUCT
OS3 CORY	LOC
SN RAMOS	LOC
BMC JORDAN	PERMANENT CUTTERMAN
MK2 PASQUIRE	PERMANENT CUTTERMAN



By: FS1 Boyd

Patrol Summary

Nautical Miles Traveled: 15,400

Port Calls: San Diego, CA
Balboa, Panama
Golfito, Costa Rica
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico



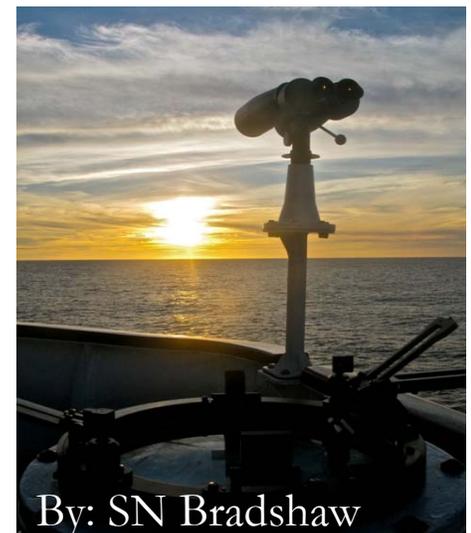
By: SN Waite

Law Enforcement Operations

- 8 Boardings Conducted
- 1.5 Metric Tons of Cocaine Seized
- 5 Personnel Detained

Search & Rescue Operations

- 4 Lives Saved
- Response as on scene leader to Helo Crash CG 6017
- Rescue & Assistance to a small Costa Rica vessel



By: SN Bradshaw