

# USCGC MIDGETT (WHEC-726)

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## Letter from the Captain

I hope that everyone has recovered from the holidays and is getting through the Winter blues as Spring is just around the corner. As you may know, we are currently assisting the Canadians with maritime security for the 2010 Winter Olympics. Thus far our efforts, along with the efforts of the other cutters and small boats working with us, have proved successful. While not as exciting as chasing drug boats in the Eastern Pacific our Olympic security mission is just as important.

As you know, the summer transfer season is always hectic, and we will see many old shipmates depart and many new shipmates arrive. As we gear up for the transfer season, remember that your needs and request for leave en route will take precedence over everything else. The Executive Officer and I will do whatever we can to assist you in your preparations to move, the move itself, and establishing a new home at your new duty location. So please do not hesitate to contact us if you need assistance.

We expect to return to Seattle from this patrol on the morning of Friday, 19 March 2010. Following our normal stand down period, we will quickly prepare the ship for its arrival at drydock. While we do not know the exact dry dock location yet, it will either be Seattle, Bellingham or Portland and is expected to begin on 07 April 2010 and last about 2 months. We are working on a contingency plan if the dry dock is in Bellingham or Portland to ensure that the crew maximizes their time at home despite the ship being away from homeport. We will keep you posted on the location of the drydock as soon as it becomes available.

As a final reminder, we are fortunate to have three dedicated OMBUDSMEN volunteers. They are:

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The OMBUDSMEN is 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 either while we are deployed or while we are inport.

Serving together,  
Captain Matthew Miller, USCG  
Commanding Officer, USCGC MIDGETT (WHEC 726)





## From the Executive Officer to You

Happy New Year!! I know it seems a little late to be welcoming in 2010, but we also just celebrated the Chinese New Year – the year of the Tiger!! Gung hee fatt choi (Congratulations and be prosperous).

As we approach our mid-patrol point, I have to say that I couldn't be any happier. The crew and the ship have been performing great!! It helps being a little closer to home, however we are all still working hard. Training has been our main focus. As we gear up for another busy transfer season, we will be losing many people with lots of experience.

With all the training that is going on, it seems like almost every day we have someone earning a new qualification, advancement or award. We've tried to capture some of those in our new newsletter format. I hope you enjoy it.



### **PATROL SCHEDULE:**

**16 Jan 10 : Underway!**  
**31 Jan-1 Feb : Victoria, BC**  
**5 - 7 Mar : Seattle port call!**  
**8 - 11 Mar: Helo STAN**  
**10 - 18 Mar: Underway!**  
**19 Mar: Return to Home Port!**  
**7 Apr - 1 Jun: Dry Dock**



# Midgett Insider

This past month of February, CGC Midgett nominated MK1 Davis as the Enlisted Person Of the Year (EPOY) for 2009. MK1 Davis played a vital role in the engine room and was credited for running a shop that enables the ship to complete every mission.

As the lead petty officer in his shop he dedicated countless hours to ship's equipment that was critical to the ship's operational capability. During our South Patrol, he led the rebuild of the starboard main diesel engine clutch assembly during a port call, which led to the unit being able to stay out in high threat areas longer and patrol the seas to our utmost capabilities.

In addition to his impact on the cutter operationally, he also assisted the Coast Guard finan-

cially. It was because of his expertise being able to replace a shaft bearing without contractor assistance that saved the Coast Guard over \$20,000 in technical service costs.

MK1 Davis dedicated countless hours to the development of those around him, ensuring that his expertise and knowledge was shared. In his spare time MK1 Davis volunteered to participate in Community Relations projects in foreign port calls as well local charity events in Seattle.

MK1 Davis is known as a leader in and out of the engineroom. He truly epitomizes the Coast Guard's dedication to professionalism, devotion to duty and excellence. MIDGETT is proud to nominate him to compete for the Pacific Area Enlisted Person of the Year award.



MK1 Davis receiving an honorary ballcap from the Maritime Component Commander of the joint Canadian / U.S. Olympic Security Force.

# Awards & Recognition



- CG Meritorious Team Commendation
- OS2 Blackman advanced to OSI
- OSI Blackman - Permanent Cutterman



## Operations



## Engineering

- CG Meritorious Team Commendation
- MKI Davis nominated for EPOY
- DC3 Harding advanced to DC2

- CG Meritorious Team Commendation



## Weapons

## SUPPORT



- CG Meritorious Team Commendation
- FS3 Heck new father to Bruce Alexander
- SNFS Evans advanced to FS3

