

# USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722)

## Deployment News, 11 July 2007



### FROM THE BRIDGE:

CAPTAIN KEVIN O'DAY

Greetings Family and Friends,

Well, I just so happened to be reviewing my last newsletter article as we were heading to Panama for a much deserved mid-patrol break, when MORGENTHAU received a call from a military patrol aircraft approximately 250 nautical miles south from our position indicating they had spotted two go-fast vessels well off the coast of Colombia in international waters. And although I hated the idea of postponing the crew's well deserved port break, I also knew this crew would have felt cheated if they weren't given an opportunity to take down one of those go-fast vessels, so around we turned and made flank speed back down towards Colombia again to intercept. From a tactical standpoint, this was a very interesting and challenging case, because it required multiple countries, agencies and aircrafts to work together in order to keep eyes on the go fast vessels as MORGENTHAU screamed down from the north to close on their positions. We also, at the time, were already very light in terms of our fuel load, but our engineers and fueling team were again up for the task as they transferred and cleaned our little remaining propulsion fuel and took on additional ballast water in order to maintain our stability as we closed down with our turbines on the unsuspecting go-fast vessels.



Well, a number of hours later, and as soon as we were within our helo's launch parameters, MORGENTHAU's crew again executed our operations like a well-oiled machine, and without the slightest hitch, we set flight condition one, slowed and launched our "pony" with our ace pilots and gunner into the night at the unsuspecting go-fast vessels. As we received all the reports from our helo and the aircraft still overhead, we made a decision that the northern most go-fast vessel closest to MORGENTHAU was our target of interest, so our helo returned to MORGENTHAU, where we refueled her and launched her again. Within about 20 minutes, our helo was overhead the fleeing go-fast vessel, and all the reports that followed confirmed we picked the right one, as the go-fast crew immediately began to jettison bales and bales of contraband over the side as our helo signaled them to stop. Well, as is normally the case with these vessels, the only way to stop this go-fast was through the use of force in accordance with the Coast Guard's doctrine for these types of operations, which our helo did with tremendous skill, shooting out all engines to stop it before the go-fast crew could jettison all their bales of cocaine. MORGENTHAU continued to close and arrived on scene about an hour later and our boarding team completed a law enforcement boarding discovering approximately 29 bales of cocaine onboard the go-fast and

detaining the crewmembers. And despite the pitch black conditions (and the black plastic wrapped bales) MORGENTHAU's second small boat located 10 more bales in the water along the go-fast vessel's track. The next morning we used our helo to help locate the cocaine debris field and recovered an additional 31 bales of cocaine from the water jettisoned by the go-fast the night before, bringing the total bales seized up to 70. What an exciting case and what a great way to end the first phase of this patrol... or so we thought.

Yes, as if that was not enough, the day after this exciting case and seizure, the MORGENTHAU crew was called on again to intercept another go-fast vessel, which we did, even further off the coast of Colombia. And although this go-fast vessel was not carrying any contraband when we intercepted it, all indications were that it was heavily involved in drug trafficking and probably offloaded its cocaine to another vessel the day or night before. Based on our inspections, we determined that the vessel was not seaworthy and that the go-fast crew did not have sufficient supplies, food or water for their location, so we transferred the go-fast vessel's crew to MORGENTHAU for their safety and sank the go-fast vessel as a hazard to navigation, thus removing it from the drug running game. It was yet another victory for the crew of MORGENTHAU, and another blow to the drug trafficking organizations, who really felt our presence and might over the first phase of this patrol.

Okay, now we were done and off we went to Panama at a slow bell to conserve our fuel for a very, very well deserved port break for the crew. I'm sure the crew will discuss some of the things they did and saw in Panama in the articles that will follow. All I'll say is that it was a great stop for MORGENTHAU on many fronts, despite the fact that we had to say goodbye to a few old shipmates.

Well, we've been back underway again for several weeks after Panama and we are wrapping up another exciting case that we got involved in yesterday, but I'm out of room and will save that for our next newsletter.

Okay, that's my third newsletter message to you. Thank you all again for all your love and support for this outstanding crew. And as I've said before, you have much to be proud of back at home for the work this crew is doing just as we are of you. And there is still no doubt about it, we absolutely, positively could not do it without you.

Oh yes, we ARE planning a Tiger Cruise from San Diego to San Francisco at the end of this patrol if you are interested. Dates will be from Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>. The last cruise was great fun for all and we look forward to doing it again.

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

*Best Regards – Captain Kevin M. O'Day*

**FROM THE NEWSLETTER TEAM      ENS CHRIS MORRIS**

Greetings once again from USCGC MORGENTHAU. This is our third e-mail newsletter of our current deployment, coming to you from the Eastern Pacific. As you can see from Captain's message, we have been very busy taking down go-fasts in the Eastern Pacific. Since you last heard from us, we have seized 70 more bales of un-cut cocaine (approximately 3,500lbs) with a street value of \$46 million, removed two high speed go-fast vessels from operation (about 750 total horse power each), and taken several suspected smugglers out of the game. And we are certainly not done yet. I hope this newsletter provides you with a glimpse of some of the fun we've been having as well as the great accomplishments on the "Pride of the Pacific"- USCGC MORGENTHAU. And thank you for all your support and positive feedback. Stay tuned for future newsletters this deployment!



*-ENS Chris Morris*

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT      LCDR BRIAN HIGGINS**



When we last left MORGENTHAU'S Engineering Dept, MORG was full of ballast water & headed to a patrol break. What a difference a couple weeks make! Yes, during our bust-filled initial leg of this patrol, we ended up burning more than 150,000 gallons of fuel...enough that we had to ballast. Ballasting involves pumping seawater into our empty fuel tanks, something that most Engineers react negatively to (MK2 Conable, put down that chair...) Fortunately MK2 Conable & MK3 Knepp easily ballasted MORG, and soon we were off to Panama.

After tying up in Panama, most people left MORG like bullets from a gun... however A-gang had a long 32 hours of work deballasting, tank cleaning & fueling ahead. MK2 Conable & MKC Buckley fought through delays & insanity to lead all this work to completion, and eventually our clean tanks were filled w/ 150,000 gallons of clear & bright new diesel. MK3 Maher & FN Webb returned from LE school ready to work, having spent the last few days in the Panama City casinos awaiting MORG's arrival. And work they did, around the clock from the moment they arrived, immediately punching boiler tubes, arguably the dirtiest job on board, then jumped in to help fueling...FN Webb was sighted running around in coveralls at 0200 carrying a 170 lb pump up & down ladders, apparently preparing for one of those World's Strongest Man competitions on ESPN 3. We also said hello to 3 new shipmates, MK3 Rodriguez, MK2 Padin & MK1 Newling.



**MK2 Crystal Padin shows us some love, pizza style!**

After fueling, we all enjoyed a relaxing stay in rainy Panama, dodging torrential downpours while enjoying the tropical ambiance. EM3 Torres led the charge to the phone banks at the end of the pier, and a nearby gazebo turned into a late night party spot where MK1 Childers, MK1 Meachum, EM1 Raffino & MK1 Newling were seen trying to determine which local beer was better. FN Inwood led a group out of the jungle to find a VIP movie theater w/ Lay-Z-Boy seating & waiters in downtown Panama City & watched Fantastic 4 #2 for \$6. FA Lowe hit the beach to work on his tan, EM2 Compton mingled w/ the locals, LTJG Escobedo attacked a local village via canoe, MK3 Denman & FN Clark holed up in a hotel room & everyone came back at the end. In Panama we had to say goodbye to DC3 Serrano, as he headed off to welding school. Hope the school is ready for welding "Serrano-style"! Shortly thereafter, MKCM Engle took a flight home, leaving Main Prop in the capable hands of MK1s Childers & Meachum.



**He may be smiling, but deep down EM1 Raffino is a little nervous, because the switchboards have him surrounded...**

Back underway, the days were slow, but a Swim Call brought out the fish in ENS Colby, who jumped off the ship in an attempt to escape yet another meeting. Fortunately, a quick-thinking LTJG Hall started talking trash about the Chicago



**MK1 Brian Meachum** tries to determine which gauge is his favorite...There are so many to choose from!

Bears, and ENS Colby quickly climbed back aboard to defend all things Chicago. Meanwhile DCC Cox continued to demo his amazing fabrication abilities by building a bomb-proof new trap for the dishwasher, while DC2 Heilman counseled the crew on proper sewage system use & threatened to give hands-on training...Fun stuff! DC3 Krutzkamp continues to learn, train, drill & eagerly awaits an aluminum welding opportunity to demonstrate his mad skills.

Despite losing MKCM Engle, Main Prop had a smooth running plant & used the extra time to train personnel; FN Clark mastered the Lube Oil Purifier & FN Rivera is well on his way to an Aux qual. Then, just when it seemed like Main Prop was going to have a problem-free patrol, EMC Knizeski found an oil leak on our #2 Main Gas Turbine Brake Roto-Seal. Yikes! This casualty dropped MORG down to 8 knots, inconceivable! But not to fear, MK1 Meachum shocked everyone by finding a new Roto-Seal and we were good to go...after an all-night install by himself, MK2 Padin & MK3 Denman. 3 hours later a large fuel oil leak was found on the #1 MDE by an alert EM2 Ieronimo, prompting another Main Prop repair effort. It turned out to be a cracked fuel line, which FN Nevarez installed & removed 3 times while trying different repairs. MK1 Childers & MKC Buckley eventually came up with a riotous temporary fix that involved a lot of

bending, bringing the badly needed MDE back on line. After this, Main Prop slid into a collective work-induced sleep to recover from these 4<sup>th</sup> of July repairs...except for the apparently nuclear powered MK3 Gogo, who seems to work at least 27 hours each day in the Engineerroom. Fellow Americans, any tax money spent on MORGENTHAU is a great investment!

FN Olsen & FN Branson finally ended their messcooking term, w/ FN Inwood & FN Myler taking up the messcooking torch this go round. FN Olsen also was awarded Non-Rate of the Month, a sweet victory for him & the entire Dept. EM3 Douglas continues with the onboard English class & has become quite the English expert, while MK2 Cabrera has developed the world's best farmer's tan



**MK2 Eduardo Cabrera** flexes his triceps in an attempt to speed the fueling process, while **MK3 Rodriguez (L)** & **MK1 Newling (R)** contemplate the effectiveness of Cabrera's Technique.

during marathon LE ops & monster fuel onloads. MK3 Rodriguez integrated into A-gang & is quickly taming MORG's ornery boilers while MK2 Miller punched out a quick davit console repair. Finally, with the end of the fiscal year nearly here, EMC Knizeski has buried the EO (me) in Purchase Requests & CASREPs for suggested ship improvements, perfect to exploit any last-minute funding. Awesome job EMC!

I would certainly be remiss to not mention the massive boost our Engineering Dept has received from the Academy Cadets on board, coordinated by LTJG Hall... From 1/c



Engineers preparing pizza dough during their morale night; for whatever reason, the pepperoni & motor oil pizza wasn't nearly as popular among the rest of the crew...



Clockwise fm bottom: 3/c Lopez, 1/c Aten & 3/c Grabe guard the notoriously leaky (and therefore evil) UNREP station during fueling.



3/c Olah (R) is in awe of 1/c Barna's (L) aviation fuel swirling skills... and likes the purple outfits, too!

Aten's Oscar-worthy Rambo imitation during our last fueling, to 1/c Barna's tight helo fuel sample swirling, from 3/c Neumann's overflowing happiness to 3/c Olah's ravenous thirst to learn all things Engineering, 1/c Williams processing dept. paperwork faster than a shredder at the CIA, 3/c Ramirez volunteering for absolutely anything, 3/c Temple's quest for the elusive Generator Qual, 3/c Garcia's laser-like observation skills, 3/c Gentile's thoughtful introspective & 3/c Grabe's wicked-fast learning... Their work has made our Department run smoother, given our guys a needed break & has done the CG Academy proud. Thank you for your hard work!

*-Submitted by LCDR Brian Higgins*

**OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS    LT CHRISTOPHER MEIK**

Greetings from the new and improved Operations Department. I say "New" because we're now under new management... LT Chris Meik is now driving the OPS boss. I consider us "Improved" because, well, that's just how you're supposed to look at things. Each day you learn a little more than you knew on the day previous. So with every day logged in the books, we knock off a few burls on the edges of our proverbial multi-pronged spear. We are optimistic types in the Operations Department, you see. In addition to Mr. Meik, we also picked up OSC Chris Ramp and a couple newly minted Ensigns... but we're not sure where they'll come to roost. Either way, good things are coming, I'm sure of it.



CWO2 Jason Brooks

In the beginning of the period between this newsletter and the last, there was less "hive activity", by way of overt Operational "stuff". Or more accurately stated, the bees weren't out en



Dagahn and Bama get some air after days trapped in the cool, dark, mysterious CIC



Good times on Steel Beach

masse pirating pollen... they were just holed up doing what bees do before they go out and, you know, pirate pollen and stuff. (I don't want to misrepresent the incessant machinations of the folks in CIC). Anyway, our time underway is never 'leisurely', as most of us are always busy, but a lull here and there is a good thing and we had a few graciously *slower* days which were eaten up like pistachios on Superbowl Sunday. And slower underway days, like pistachios, are something you never seem to have enough of. You never realize how much you like them until that last one is gone. But then again, they're one of those curious things you never seem to remember to buy when you're at the market. Like AA batteries and confectioner's sugar. My best record so far in my professional career as a husband is .7 seconds. That's how long it takes for me to remember, once inside the house, that I forgot them before my wife points the bad finger at me... and then points the finger towards the door... beyond which lie the car and the grocery store, and the batteries and sugar.



OS3 Sean McGinnis talks to CIC at Special Sea Detail.

With this day winding down to a close, we're doing our best to wrangle the most promising prognostications from our magic CIC 8-ball. The bees are getting restless and the hive is getting a little cramped. Curiously, 'africanization' of bees is a product of proximity. It's a learned social behaviour. (Killer African Bees can come from Kansas). Ironic, no? We're definitely due for a

port call or a bust... one or the other. So keep your fingers crossed, friends and family, and keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

*-Submitted by CWO2 Jason Brooks*

**WEAPONS DEPARTMENT NEWS LTJG JOSIAH STARR**

The Weapons Department is still going and has officially passed over the “hump” or middle of our patrol. We have set our sights on finishing the patrol and getting home to see all of you. The entire Department, from the helm and lookout watch standers to the Department Head, know the importance of their role in the safe operation of the ship, but still hope to return to all of you soon.



**ETC Jack Hildreth teaches ENS Dave Garden about being an LSO...meanwhile the CIWS in the background is getting jealous.**

weapons systems up and running. MORGENTHAU also found time during our busy operations schedule to fit in a gun shoot with the 25mm and 50 cal. Machine guns. Not only did this allow the Gunnersmates to prove their amazing marksmanship but the shoot also provided some much needed training to our gun crews. I am sad to report to you however that the Gunnery Division has not had the fortune thus far of being able to sink another Go-Fast vessel like they were able to accomplish at the beginning of the patrol. Don't worry though; I am sure that they will have another chance to do so very soon!

The Fire Control division under the leadership of newly reported aboard ENS Dave Garden is also performing to meet MORGENTHAU's high standards. They have been

The Deck Division has been working steadily to support all of the cutters operations from flight quarters to never ending small boat details. The good news is that everyone is staying in good spirits admits the tiresome tasks and never ending maintenance of the ship.

The Gunnery division is going strong keeping our



**The “Three amigos”- SN Austin Green, SN Joseph Franco, and 3/c Tim Olah**



**SN Williams & BM2 Spicer man the boat deck**

actively engaged every night since the beginning of the patrol standing watch, scouting for small fast moving contacts on the MK-92 radar. Their unwavering attitudes and watch standing abilities have provided not only an aid in detection of these contacts but also the safe navigation of MORGENTHAU herself.

*-Submitted by ENS Nolan Cuevas*

**SUPPLY DEPARTMENT NEWS CWO2 JAMES O'BRIEN**



Welcome to the Supply Department's corner of the Newsletter. By now most of the department needs no introduction, but just in case there are a few new readers out there let us start with a quick word from FS3 Seel in the Galley...

Unfortunately, sometimes the weather down here is not always as tropical as in those postcards. This means we have missed opportunities for swim calls on occasion. However, on one particular Saturday, Mother Nature bestowed a lovely, well-deserved opportunity upon the Morgenthau crew to jump into the refreshing blue water after many hours of work the prior week. This tied in nicely with Morgenthau's morale night luau hosted by Supply department. Other festivities included a wet and wild water balloon toss organized by FS1 Weaver, a limbo contest put together by SK2 Healy, and plenty of Jimmy Buffet music to get everyone in the island state of mind. HS, SK, and YN personnel had the opportunity to experience the view of the ship as experienced daily by the FS's in the galley.



Morg 1 on scene with Go-Fast

Everyone worked together to prepare Kalua pork, steamed rice, cabbage, macaroni salad, and pineapple upside down cake. And then showed their creative side by preparing sushi rolls for the entire crew.

From an FS perspective, the galley has stayed busy as always, whether it be preparing special meals for the captain and his guests, or saving meals for the flight crew and/or boat crew. We welcome aboard SNFS Grandison from FS "A" school in Petaluma. He comes from Columbus, Ohio.

The Supply Department Luau really was something special. The entire Department really came together and made it a fun night for everyone. Speaking of fun, lets check in on the SKs and see what they have been up to...

This is Brynn Healy coming to you live from the Storekeeper Division. Not much change has occurred in the shop recently. Being out in the middle of the ocean really can limit your options on change. Since the last newsletter, we have counted some parts, ordered some parts, and distributed some parts. This process may sound simple, but doing it right is not as easy as it sounds, especially with the temperatures and humidity we have been dealing with this patrol. Making sure the crew of Morgenthau always has what they need is a demanding and consistent job. From toilet paper, to machine parts, to pens and NAV charts, we make sure everything is here when it needs to be, at least as much as fate and higher powers allow us.

The SK division would also like to thank Building 42, ISC Alameda for all of the help, and support they have provided for us. We

would also like to thank MLC and ELC for alleviating all of the Store Keepers jobs here on board the Morgenthau; we could not do it without any of our support centers.

Thank you for that great update from the SK shop Petty Officer Healy and thanks for all the work on Morale events, without your effort this patrol would defiantly have been a lot less fun! Now on to our hard working HS's...

HSC Gipson and HS3 Pittman say hello to all those friends and family back home. We have spent a good deal of our time preparing for training and updating medical records of all the crewmembers. Rest assured, your loved ones are in good hands. We have given out more than 75 needed vaccinations and have a good start in having the crew 100% medical ready!

SN Williams (HS in training) continues to stalk all areas of the ship in search of "victims" that he can practice drawing blood from and giving immunizations to. He continues to develop his "steady hand" and is well on his way to being a great Health Services Technician in our Coast Guard.

The HS's love to do medical drills when they are least expected. HSC insists that is the best time to do so (nothing like reality). FN Williams (yes, there are two Williams on board) recently developed quite the acting ability as he assisted the HS's in a "reality check" emergency drill that was held after the underway workday. It was a well-kept secret so the crew was caught by surprise and got a realization that medical emergencies can happen at any hour of the day or night. FN Williams acted out his falling down a ladder and suffered quite the compound fracture, complete with moulage blood, makeup and some very loud screams giving everyone a nice wakeup call after evening chow. Is this real or is it a drill? Be careful moving those broken bones everyone! Don't forget the ratio for Adult CPR! AED?



FS3 Whitney White prefers juggling pineapples over messcooks

What's that? Got Sushi?

Great hearing from our HS's! You have to love "reality check" drills. Well last, but certainly not least lets listen as YN2 Kellehar gives us the heads up on the YNs...

Well, with no big surprise the yeoman office is still hard at work. Transfer season is slowly coming to a close and the end is finally in sight. However, we still have several members waiting to meet us at our next port of call. The last set of new personnel who arrived on the ship had to be our biggest challenge so far. During the late hours of the night, the Command came to the YN office and asked if they could get some of the critical crewmembers out to the ship. The trick would be to do it without actually bringing the MORGENTHAU into port. Now for any normal yeoman this would be almost impossible, but not for CGC MORGENTHAU's YN's. Working late into the night and early the next morning they managed to get five new crewmembers sent from Alameda to El Salvador and then flow out to the ship via our always ready AVDET. Therefore, it proves, if you need the impossible just as the YNs, they are always ready to pull off a last minute miracle. If you don't believe it ask our new MPA, SKC, or one of the three new Ensigns who had the good fortune to meet us way out here in the Eastern Pacific!

That's all from the Supply Department. Aloha and see you in a few weeks!

*-Submitted by CWO2 James O'Brien*

**CADETS: SOUTH PAT 2007**



**1/c Brandon Aten patches a pipe during DC training**

Hola todo el mundo! Even though it has been a couple weeks since we left Panama, the beautiful weather and wonderful people there leaves a memorable impression. We have all been busy the past couple weeks. Fueling evolutions, damage control training, flight operations, gun exercises, and go-fast drill training have kept us



**This cadet would prefer to keep his identity a secret**

on our toes. Also, with the assistance of the great leaders onboard, we have been able to sustain a more balanced idea of the daily operations on Morgenthau by qualifying for quartermaster of the watch, 1/c Laura Williams qualified for navigation and engineering watchstanding positions. 1/c Tenley Barna qualified for generator watchstander, 3/c

Chris Grabe, 3/c Kris Lopez, 3/c Rebecca Gentile, and 3/c Tim Olah were able to qualify for engineering security watchstander, and 3/c Dan Sorby, 3/c Adam Stanek, 3/c Jackie Ramirez, and 3/c Frankie Temple were able to qualify for helm/lookout. The third-class cadets (sophomores) have been doing an incredible job completing tasks and gaining experience on various items such as firearm training, ballasting, safe navigation, and food services. Their development has truly been a ship wide evolution.

Although we haven't seen as much "go-fast action" as we did before Panama, it leaves us to one conclusion. That is, similar to how a boxer needs time to recuperate after being knockout by an opponent, the drug smugglers are currently out for the count. When they decide to start operations again, we can guarantee that Morgenthau will be ready to teach them another lesson. We hope that everyone had a great Independence Day, and we would like to wish a safe and enjoyable summer to all.

*-Submitted by 1/c Cadet Brandon Aten*

**FEATURE: SOUTH PAT 2007**



Greetings again from yet another undisclosed spot in the Eastern Pacific. No, we can't tell you where we are, but like usual we can tell you that it is HOT and we have been having FUN, despite our demanding schedule. Being relentlessly busy with training and operations make taking a break tough sometimes, but we know how to have a good time when we can. Recent highlights include a port call in Panama, fishing and swim calls, and moral nights hosted by Supply



**Stop Hoola dancing chief! You need to start cooking!**



and Engineering departments.

First up was a well earned mid-patrol break in Panama, which made folks very happy after being underway for over a month. A wide array of activities were attempted by the crew including horseback riding, peacock bass fishing, golfing, braving a canopy zip line tour (not for the faint of heart), canoeing the jungle (also not for the faint of heart), catching up on movies (much safer), and otherwise absorbing the Panamanian culture.

A Hawaiian night like we have never seen before was put on by Supply Department. Chiefs Andray James and Rocky Gipson win the award for best costumes. But we didn't just come to see YNC and HSC dancing in hoola skirts, the food was possibly the best meal so far this patrol. The crew ate a ton of pork, sushi, and ice cream, so much that many became so full that participating in the limbo contest held later that night would have been risky. SN Alex Whyte proved that he is as good as limboing as he is at doing backflips when he took first place in the contest.

Next up for moral night was engineering department. We all know that Engineering makes good water, but we had forgotten that they also make good pizza. Everybody loves pizza night! So the engineers placed the

Main Diesel Engines in 5 minute standby, and clutched in the ovens, cooking a delicious meal.

As you can see we've been hard at work, but we are well over halfway there to being home again. Nobody knows what the rest of the patrol will hold, but we'll be safe and keep doing what we do best. Keep counting down the days, and standby for the next issue to hear about our migrant adventures on the high seas...

*-Submitted by ENS Chris Morris*

**CREW RECOGNITION:**

- SN William Aldapa received a Letter of Appreciation
- CWO2 James Bigbie received a CG Achievement Medal
- MK2 Eduardo Cabrera qualified Boarding Team Member
- EM3 Theodore Compton advanced to EM2
- ENS Nolan Cuevas qualified Boarding Officer
- LT Michael Fisher Received a CG Commendation Medal
- SN Dustin Ford qualified Boat Davit Captain
- SN Joseph Franco qualified Tiedown Crewman
- BM2 Nathaniel Frazee received a CG Achievement Medal



**Wow SK2! That's a big fish!**



**Morg sailors prepare to patrol the jungle on a canoeing excursion.**



**Captain presents FN Brent Olsen's "Non-Rate of the Month" award for June at quarters**

- FS2 "Epi" Garcia received a Letter of Commendation
- ENS Dave Garden Qualified Quartermaster of the Watch
- FN Greer received a Letter of Appreciation
- OS1 Michael Guerrero qualified Air Directional Controller (earlier this patrol)
- ET3 Michael Hazzard qualified Basic & Advanced DCPQS
- ENS Christie Hawn qualified Basic & Advanced DCPQS
- YN2 Lisa Kellehar qualified Basic & Advanced DCPQS
- DC3 William Kreutzkamp qualified Basic & Advanced DCPQS
- OS3 Chris Lopez qualified Boarding Team Member
- LTJG Pamela Madjeska received a CG Achievement Medal
- MK2 Michael Miller qualified Security Watchstander
- ENS Chris Morris qualified Boarding Officer
- FN Myler qualified Security Watchstander
- ENS Erin O'Donnell qualified Basic & Advanced DCPQS
- FN Brent Olsen earned "Non-Rate of the Month" for June
- FN Kareem Orio received a Letter of Appreciation
- ETC David Percell became our new Command Drug and Alcohol Representative
- SN Ashwin Ramanan qualified Helmsman & Lookout
- LTJG Ernie Saponara received a Letter of Commendation
- SN Matthew Schroder qualified Inport Security Watchstander
- DC3 Albert Serrano qualified Throttleman Watchstander
- BM2 Richard Spicer qualified Quartermaster of the Watch
- SN Russell Welsh qualified Helmsman & Lookout

- SN Alex Whyte qualified Tiedown Crewman
- 1/c Cadet Laura Williams qualified Quartermaster of the Watch
- BM2 Jessica Young qualified Boarding Team Member
- BM2 Jessica Young qualified Quartermaster of the Watch

**Congratulations to the following people for surviving OC Pepper Spraying:**

- SN Amir Ebrahim
- SN Julio Espinal
- SN Garrett Green
- SN Nathan Hoyt
- SN Jeffrey Judge
- FA Justin Branson
- MK3 Brian Gogo
- ET3 Michael Hazzard
- YN2 Lisa Kellehar
- OS2 Jeremy Borja
- SN Russell Welsh
- SK1 Brian Sorensen
- SN Hoshi Murphy
- FA Manny Ontiveros
- SA Peterson
- SA Jeremiah Schiessel



**Good Conduct Awards:**

- MK3 Brian Gogo
- OS2 Kelly Case
- OS2 Jeremy Borja
- OS3 Chris Lopez
- SK2 Brynn Healy
- OS2 Brian Soto
- ET2 Anthony McGrath
- MK2 William Conable (2nd)
- MK1 Mark Childers (5th)



**Temporary Cutterman:**

- SN Wayne Benson
- FN Michael Williams
- ENS Rick Colby
- ENS Chad Conrad
- ENS Nolan Cuevas
- ENS Trish Jantzen
- ENS Chris Morris



**(L) The RHIB provides quick response for rescue during swim call, and a chance for SN Moisant to pose heroically! (R) GM2 Kinker (green) says goodbye to MK3 Knepp (blue) before departing on a secret mission... Just kidding, its only swim call.**



We would like to wish fair winds and following seas to our departing shipmates:

- LT Michael Fisher – US Embassy, Azerbaijan
- CWO2 James Bigbie - CGC MIDGET
- BM2 Nathaniel Frazee - CG STA San Francisco
- FS2 Epi Garcia - ISC Seattle
- SN William Aldapa - OS "A" School
- FN Greer - MST "A" School
- FN Kareem Orio - MK "A" School



Our intrepid 1LT- CWO2 James Bigbie

**Arriving:**

- LT Christopher Meik – Command Center Seattle
- LT Phil Pabellon – HITRON Jacksonville
- ENS Dave Garden - CG Academy
- ENS Tabitha Davis – CG Academy
- ENS Chad Carlough – CG Academy
- ENS Bryan Radick – CG Academy
- ENG2 Benjamin Saiz – CGC Muskingum
- Cadet 1/c Williams – CG Academy
- OSC Christopher Ramp – CG District 8 DRMC
- SKC Bonnie Thompson – SFO Eastern Shore
- MK1 Christopher Newling - Station Elizabeth City
- MK2 Crystal Padin - Station Ft. Pierce
- MK3 Luisney Rodriguez - COMSTA New Orleans
- SNFS Allen Grandison - FS "A" School

**SHOUT-OUTS FROM THE CREW:**



From SN Russell Welsh's demeanor it's hard to believe that some people actually dread scullery duty.

- GM2 Dara Carpenter sends: "Hey everybody I just wanted to see how you all were doing. I love you and miss you all very very much and I can't wait to see you."
- MK1 Mark Childers sends: "Hello Sheri, Mark "T", Britt, Natalie, and Carly. All is well out here. Sun and ocean is all that is happening... Love you all and counting the days till I get home. Love you all, Mark"
- MK1 Mark W. Childers sends: "Happy Birthday Mom. Hope your wishes come true when you blow all those candles out! Just kidding. Have a very Happy Birthday. Love, Sunny Boy"
- MK3 Benjamin Denman sends: "Hey babydoll, I love and miss you and I will see you soon. Dave take care of your mom for me, I love you too little man, babe I hope that new rabbit that you got is keeping you entertained, love you."
- BMC Michael Haley sends: "Cyndi, can't wait to watch the sunset with you on the beach babe. I love you, I'll be home soon. Sean, Daddy misses you little man, when I get home you can tell me all the new words you have learned and what you did this summer."
- HSC Rocky Gipson sends: "A big HELLO to Sherry and Justin. Thanks for all your support while we are out here doing our job. Love you both! See you soon. Drive safe Justin! Hi Mom and Dad!"
- OS1 Michael Guerrero sends: "Hello Shar, we are halfway there and before you know it I'll be home. I can't wait to be home and see you three! I miss you all dearly. We have to go to Benihana's when I get back, K? I hope all is well, take care of yourself and I'll talk to you soon. Love you!"
- SK2 Brynn Healy sends: "Hey Mike, I am "shouting out" to you first are you happy now :) I cannot wait to come home and spend my birthday with you! Quit going to the casino so much! Fayth, I hope you won your softball tournament, I wish I could have been playing with you, we would have totally kicked some "butt", and I cannot wait to hang out with Kylie. Mom, you should really write you daughter more when she is in the middle of the ocean; I guess you are really busy. Dearest, is your redecorating



done yet, I hope I can come to Miami and see it one day. I miss all of you and I will talk to everyone soon.”

- DC3 Bill Kreutzkamp sends: “Hey gini hope your drive to California goes well I love you and miss you so much. Can’t wait to see you at the pier. Make sure that apartment is squared away by the time I get there J/K. Mom and dad see you soon I hope talk care of tank and emma and say hi to jake and ryan for me. miss you guys be back soon. Bill out”
- ET3 Paul Krug sends: “Hey, Krugs! Miss you all. Can't wait to see the baby in October. Pedersens: Are you all up for a moving day when I get back? Pizza and beer as usual! Christina, I love and miss you.”
- 3/c Cadet Kris Lopez sends: “Hey guys, hope to see you soon, miss you!”
- OSC Phil Marsh sends: “Hi Amy and Drew! We're so close to being home I can taste it. Can't wait to see you guys on the pier. I love and miss you both very much! Talk to you soon. Love Phil and daddy.”
- OSC Phil Marsh sends: “To Drew: Happy Birthday buddy! I wish more than anything that I could be there to celebrate your birthday; I'll certainly make it up when I get home. Keep having fun at summer camp! We'll do lots of fun things when I get home. I love you buddy and keep mommy safe. Love daddy.”

- OSC Phil Marsh sends: “To my family and friends; it's been a long haul, but we're almost home. I can't wait to see you all when I get back. Thank you all for your help and support during this patrol, it is VERY appreciated. See you all soon, Phil.”
- MK2 Mike Miller sends: “Dear Esposa I miss you everyday and can't wait to see you. To Tyler and A.J. don't grow up too fast I want to watch.”
- MK1 Christopher Newling sends: “Hi ya's”
- Captain Kevin O'Day sends: “Happy Birthday Olivia! I miss you honey- enjoy your summer!”
- SN Jeremiah Schiessel sends: “Hello again Kimberly, I am doing ok, I really miss you. I continue to pray for you and Cameron to be safe while I am gone. Can't wait to see you. Love Jeremiah”
- MK2 Crystal Padin sends: “Hey Joseba, I miss you baby, I can't wait to see your handsome face. Kiss Juliette for me. Mom, Thank you again for all your help. Squeeze Juliette's cheeks for me and tell her that I love her. I love you guys and I miss you. Give everyone my love! See you soon.”
- YN3 Laura A. Prince sends: “Mom, Celina, Rach, Jay, Danny, Dawnya Nene, Heavenly, Haylee Bug and Dad I love and miss you all and I can't wait to see you all or at least hear your voices. Edwin I love you baby and I am



XO finally gives up and authorizes LE training

ready to got to Paris. It is driving me crazy the closer it gets to that time, but like you always say patience is a virtue, but then again we both know I have none. I miss you love always, the luckiest woman in the world.”

- HS3 Pittman Barry sends: “Hey jess just wanted to let you know, I love you and miss you see you when we get back!”
- ENS Bryan Radik sends: “Hi everyone, hope you enjoy these newsletters. These past few days have been quite the welcome to Coast Guard. Everything seems to be going great. I miss you all.”
- FN Clarence Rivera sends: “Hi everyone. Keep on sending me emails. I really enjoy reading them. Miss and love all you guys. For the people at Kapahulu, “Let’s train”. OSS.”
- Mk3 Luisney Rodriguez: “Hey Nick, hope you having fun at the air station and clean the house and peanuts cage lol and a shout out to my homies in palm beach peace outtt.”
- BM3 Jonathan Sains sends: “I love you and miss you Honey Bebe, tell my bebe’s I love them too, give them my hugs and kisses. Hug Matoskah and Kuma Koru for me. Aloha au ia oe!!”
- Seaman Tyler Smith sends: “Mom, Dad, and all my Family I’m doing great miss and love ya’ll tons. Justine I’ll be home soon baby love you.”
- SK1 Brian Sorensen sends: “What up Sunshine, Mandy, Lexi, Blake, and Monika. I miss you all and I look forward to coming home. Be safe, keep smiling, and keep my love in your hearts. I love you all.”
- 3/c Cadet Adam Stanek sends: “Hey Mom, Dad, Joe, Victoria, Tapashi, and Sophie, I miss you all and can’t wait to be home!”
- LTJG Josiah Starr sends: “God Bless all back home. Thanks for the support & prayers.”
- OS/E-4 Jordan Waters Sends: “Hey Rachel, Kari and Bethany!!!! I just wanted to let you guys know that I



love and miss you. I can't wait to come home and see you so we can go on vacation. Bethany I want to wish you a happy birthday I wish I was there. Love always Jordan.”

- SeaMAN Derek Williams sends: “Hey guys. I love and miss you. Can't wait to come home.”

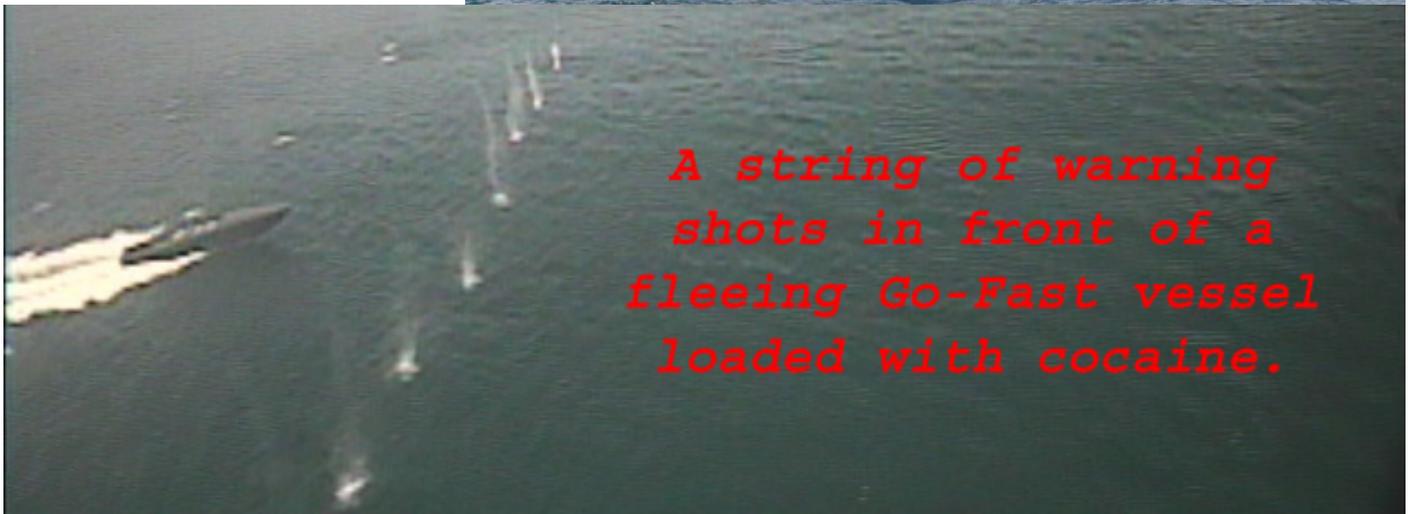
We’ll be safe out here on the high seas – you be safe too at home, and thank you for your support, e-mails and care packages! We’re thinking of you all the time.

Best regards,

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**A string of warning shots in front of a fleeing Go-Fast vessel loaded with cocaine.**