

# USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722)

## Deployment News, 13 May 2008



especially given Morgenthau's superb record of readiness and performance over the past few years out on patrol where it really counts.

In between our last patrol and TACT (and a 3 day helicopter standardization assessment visit), the crew has been very busy, as usual, attending to MORGENTHAU's many maintenance needs to ensure we remain fully mission ready for our patrols. The Engineering and Weapons Departments, in particular, put together an aggressive work list of items that needed attention to keep all our equipment and the hull in tip-top shape. The crew oversaw a \$600K dockside maintenance contract in Jan-Feb that included major repairs to our sewage system, fire-main system, decks, galley, elevators, valves and critical small boat davits amongst other things. We then arranged a second "mini-dockside" after TACT to address preservation of some exterior decks and hull as well as some interior habitability projects, including the installation of new decks in all our heads and the complete renovation of our junior most (20-person) berthing area. Although it was a lot of important (and tough) work to complete in a relatively short time, the results have been excellent, especially for some of our junior most members who now can enjoy sleeping on the newest racks and hang their uniforms in the newest lockers aboard ship.

We just departed Oahu Hawaii, and now we're steaming for the Philippines the second of perhaps 9-10 stops on this very exciting CARAT deployment. This deployment will be a big change for this crew who've become very accustomed to sprinting across the Eastern Pacific from case-to-case chasing and nabbing drug runners over the past year. That will not be our focus on this patrol. Instead, our primary missions will be to provide law enforcement and search and rescue training to

all the foreign Coast Guards and Navies that we will be visiting in the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei.

This deployment will certainly be one for the photo albums and

### FROM THE BRIDGE:

### CAPTAIN KEVIN O'DAY

Aloha Family and Friends,

Well, it's been a while since we've published our last MORGENTHAU Newsletter, so I'll do my best to catch everyone up on all that has been happening aboard WHEC 722. Since we last wrote in December, we were wrapping up another very successful counter-drug patrol in the Eastern Pacific. Since then, the crew has been very busy with preparing the ship for our Tailored Annual Cutter Training (TACT) cycle as well as our current 5-month "Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training" (CARAT) deployment to SE Asia. As usual, the crew has met each challenge head-on and achieved outstanding success for this cutter and the Coast Guard.



First, a little note on our very successful TACT cycle which we conducted the last 3 weeks of March in San Diego. During TACT, the crew was challenged to "show their stuff" in a wide range of drills and exercises. It was challenging for us all. From nighttime navigation and anchoring, to towing, to battling simulated fires, floods and major engineering and electronic casualties to fighting the ship and firing our impressive suite of small arms and heavy guns, the crew was tasked with it all (day and night) and met each challenge with outstanding spirit and professionalism. The crew was so sharp and responsive during our TACT period in fact, that they completed the scheduled 4 weeks of training of by the middle of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week.- yet another impressive achievement by this outstanding crew. For their efforts, the crew was just awarded the "Pacific Area Operational Excellence Award" by our boss in Alameda (or, as many of us like to refer to it, "The Battle "E" Award"). This was a very well deserved award for the crew,



memory books, as the crew will get a chance to see the world, experience different cultures and engage professionally with their counterparts both inport and out on the water. We also won't have an embarked helicopter onboard during this patrol, so I suspect the crew will have more time to devote to their own personal and professional development and training. On that note, our outstanding Educational Services Officer has arranged two college professors to join us for different parts of this deployment where we will be offering classes in Pre-Algebra and History of Western Civilized Nations.

This patrol will also serve as a bit of a turn-over for a number of crew members with our new Executive Officer, Commander Ash, reporting a week before sailing and MORGENTHAU's next Commanding Officer, Captain D.J. Smith, relieving me during our second planned stop in Singapore on 29 July – more on that later. We'll also be saying goodbye on this patrol to a host of great crew members and leaders, including a number of outstanding Chief Petty Officers, who have served this cutter, crew, the Coast Guard and the U.S. citizens at large superbly over 3 years.



**Ramona Gittings gives her support and says her goodbyes**

Last but certainly not least, we also just said our goodbyes to our devoted Ombudsman, Ramona Gittings as well as welcome aboard our newest Ombudsman, Mrs. Maritza Denman. We wish Ramona and her family (including our offgoing FS1 Gittings) the best on

their next assignment and are thrilled (and very appreciative) to have Mrs. Denman serve as our newest Ombudsman.

Okay, that's a quick update on things aboard MORGENTHAU. I know this deployment will be much tougher on our families back home than normal given the timing over the summer and the 5-month duration, so we all very appreciate your continued outstanding love and support for this crew. You, again, have much to be proud of for all their outstanding work, dedication and professionalism. As I've said before we absolutely (positively) could not do what we do without you, so thank you!

"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 from USCGC MORGENTHAU and the newsletter team. We are very excited to pass you information concerning our CARAT patrol. It has been a few months since you last heard from us but everyone has been hard at work. Since the last newsletter MORGENTHAU has completed a major dockside, a TACT period, and a mini dockside all in effort to get MORGENTHAU in tip top shape for CARAT. I hope this newsletter provides you with a picture of what your friends and loved ones have been doing over the past few months and highlights all of the good things we will be doing at CARAT. 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 requests, comments or concerns. Stay tuned for the next newsletter to come from a place far far away. In the mean time by going to fredsplace.com, uscg.mil, cgvi.uscg.mil and youtube.com you can read blogs view pictures and see videos of MORGENTHAU crewmembers.



**-ENS Chad Carlough**



**Members of CGC MORGENTHAU render honors to the USS Arizona while transiting inbound to Pear Harbor**

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT      LCDR BRIAN HIGGINS**

It has been a while since we last reported on our activities via newsletter, and now we are in the middle of the Pacific, both Main Diesel Engines smoothly churning away as we plow towards the Eastern Hemisphere... and one might ask: "what has happened to MORGENTHAU's Engineers over the last four-and-a-half months?"





**MK3 Jeffery and MK3 Gogo work diligently to reassemble the exhaust duct on the #2 Main Diesel Engine**

Let's turn the calendar back to last December, when we were pulling into port after a relatively short JIATF south deployment... despite the joyous season and the success of the patrol, there was an ominous feeling among the Engineers. Engine operation during the patrol had indicated some problems that needed to be fixed, and the fix was not an easy one... especially considering the ~\$600,000 in contracted ship repair work that was also scheduled for the inport. Shortly after pulling in, our Main Propulsion Assistant, CWO Saiz, made the decision that sealed everyone's fate, and we proceeded with a major overhaul of the #2 MDE, starting right after Christmas. For the next 2 months, the Department immersed itself in a massive but surprisingly educational engine teardown, removing, cleaning and reinstalling thousands of pounds of awkward, heavy-but-delicate precision steel parts. Routine crew and contractor inspections found additional work to be done, including replacement of a 3000lb MDE blower (yikes!) and replacement of piston rings on the non-overhauled #1 MDE. Towards the end, the Department had to bend their efforts around drills, contractor work and preparations for an impending period of Tailored Annual



**MK3 Rodriguez replaces the gaskets on the front cover of the boiler after "Punching the Tubes"**

Cutter Training in San Diego. The last few days were a study in endurance, with the Auxiliary Division descending into the Engineerroom to perform the most energetic late-night bilge cleaning effort you will ever see, occasionally breaking into song and cheering Engineerroom visitors. Apparently nothing will keep these people down! Due to hard work across the board, we pulled into San Diego a little tired but on time and ready to go. Over the 3-week training period, the Engineers came up aces, bulldozing their way through all drills and operations that on at least one occasion continued past midnight. After earning the prestigious "Battle E", MORG sailed back into port for some well-deserved down time. The engines were working well, although a bit more black smoke than usual was noted out of the #2 MDE exhaust. Soon enough the short I/P period passed, and after appropriate goodbyes, we sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge, headed west towards the highly anticipated CARAT patrol. First stop, Hawaii! During the transit, black smoke was again noted in the exhaust of #2 MDE. The MDE tech pub indicated black smoke was a timing problem, and sure enough in Hawaii we



**EM3 Douglas tries to stay fit while on watch in Main Control**

checked engine timing and found it to be off. The timing chain was also found to be damaged, and needed to be replaced. This repair required us to stay in Pearl harbor two additional days, which allowed MORGENTHAU crewmembers to pump a lot more money into the Hawaiian economy. And now the MDEs are running silky smooth, as they push us through the deep blue Pacific waters that lie between us and Southeast Asia. Now if we can just get our boilers to stop acting up...

*-LCDR Brian Higgins*

**OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS    LT CHRISTOPHER MEIK**

Hope this update finds you all in good spirits and in a good place. A lot has been going on in the operations department over these past few months....



After a couple months of winter dockside, cutter MORGENTHAU transited down to San Diego, CA from

home port for Tailored Annual Cutter Training (TACT). TACT is all about training efficiencies and requires many hours of preparations and training evolutions, by both the crew and their supervisors. This TACT period was an outstanding demonstration of excellence by all the crew of MORGENTHAU, and we're proud to report we earned our Battle of Excellence from PACAREA. I'm also happy to report that our radio watch standers are *very* proficient in establishing successful communications in a timely manner. We've been busy training the radio personnel in various communications circuits, whilst keeping the Afloat Training Group rider on his toes with bringing up the various voice and data circuits required for the drills in TACT.

The Operations Department's Electronics Division, consisting of ET's and IT's, pulled off a perfect 100% for all drills and exercises during TACT. For those that don't know, the OET division is responsible for Electronics Casualty Control, charged with keeping the Tactical Actions Officer equipped with as many functional radios, radars, computers, and just about anything else that has a power switch, blinking lights, and circuit cards in it, working despite sustaining damage in a warfare environment. If it's ultra expensive and does NOT have a gun attached to it, Repair 8 has to keep it alive so the TAO can use it to keep all of us alive. Although the Combat Systems Training Team members drew high praise from the Afloat Training Group, it was the performance of all of the members of Repair 8 that

carried the days and weeks. ET2 Edillon, who did a great job as Repair 8 Locker Leader, was assisted by some very fine technicians; ET2 Prior, ET2 Peru, ET2 Munkelt, IT2 Durrah, IT2 Popo, and ET3 Krug. My hat's off to you, gentleman, for an exceptional performance - CWO Brooks.

OSC Ramp wants to add:

"Greetings Family & Friends from the Bat Cave onboard CGC MORGENTHAU. After another successful counter-narcotics patrol last fall, the CIC team began Cutter Assessment Readiness Training (CART) during our in-port period to ensure all publications, watch qualifications, and training records were in order for the upcoming TACT period. Shout outs for a superb job go to, "OS1 Guerrero, OS1 Flory, OS2 Borja (now OS1), IS2 Bingham, and OS2 Soto." Once CART was completed on 21DEC07, the CIC team was able to enjoy some much deserved time with family &

friends before coming back to work in January to face the grueling work days of cutter dockside availability, and getting ready for TACT. Welcoming in a New Year brought many cheers of joy, and subtle somberness for we knew much more work would be required of us during CY08.

Combat Systems Training Team (CSTT) proudly demonstrated training effectiveness, and the watch teams demonstrated outstanding Combat skills during all drills, which earned them a passing overall grade. A shout out goes



VADM Wurster presents a coin to Steel Blade Jones



BM1 Plata gives the Navigation Brief in the Wardroom in preparation for getting underway from Pearl Harbor

to IS2 Bingham for taking his Chief's lead and initiative to teach the CIC Watch Team the intricacies of precision anchorage plot. Also, OS3 Quinley & OS3 Manship did a superb job preparing all TACT required charts for CIC navigation details & drills."



**BM1 Plata and BM3 Hewitt work with the Navigation Team to plot a Visual Fix**

The navigation division is glad to be underway and doing what they do best, navigating. After an extremely successful TACT, the nav division was able to put their skills to good use by successfully navigating the cutter to Hawaii! Without them, we'd probably be lost in Dutch Harbor, Alaska right now. Furthermore, the navigation team demonstrated proficiencies' in navigation details that included harbor navigation during the day and night, low visibility, mine swept channel, loss of gyro, man overboard, and precision anchorage during day and night hours, which facilitated the bridge's navigation team and the Navigation Systems Training Team (NSTT) in obtaining a passing grade. This passing grade could not have been accomplished without the proficiency of the secondary navigation team, Combat Information Center (CIC).

A hearty Congratulations goes out to PO Chris Lopez for making OS2 on 01May. Sadly, Chris will be leaving us during the middle portion of the CARAT patrol as he's off to bigger and better things in Key West, FL. Walk the straight line and good luck with your new assignment! Quite a lot of radio knowledge and experience will be leaving with Chris when he departs, but



we all wish him the best of luck at his new assignment. What's Key West going to think of this big native Tennesian with a Spanish last name who wears sunglasses larger than his head?? We also want to say a farewell and good luck to BM3 Sains who left us in Hawaii. His work within the division was very important and we're grateful for everything he gave to the ship over his long tour. Luckily, we have BM3 Reynolds and BM3 Wilson TAD from the WAESCHE to fill those nav shoes. We've got many more miles to go, but rest assured the navigation division will be working hard to find the best, safest and fastest route home.

Cutter MORGENTHAU has set sail across the Pacific to train and demonstrate our operational skill to various host nations throughout SE Asia, so look forward to our next newsletter in which we'll provide useful open source information about our whereabouts, and endeavors. Till then, AD28!

*-Submitted by ENS Erin O'Donnell*

**WEAPONS DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**LTJG JOSIAH STARR**

Aloha from the Weapons Department! We had a great time in our recent port call in Hawaii soaking up the sunshine and enjoying our last few days in America for awhile.



If you walked around MORGENTHAU during our first week underway this patrol, you would find Weapons Department members involved in all aspects of shipboard life. You might see newly reported personnel diligently working on helm/lookout qualifications and Damage Control PQS. If you looked out at the water, you would find BM1 Aguilar and BM2 Young in the small boat sharing their expertise with new boat coxswains such as BM3 MacDonald and SN Ford. Walking along the boat deck, you would observe GM2 Kinker, GM2 Baenziger, GM2 Carpenter, GM3 Haik, and GM3 Toy performing maintenance on the 25mm and .50 cal machine guns so that they will be prepared to show off their excellent marksmanship skills during our gunnery exercises. The targets don't stand a chance with these guys behind the guns! The GMs and tactical ETs have worked tirelessly to ensure that our weapons systems are up and running and we

are ready for this patrol.

The Weapons Department said goodbye to a valuable shipmate in Hawaii. LTJG Cuevas departed to become the CO of an 87' patrol boat in Crescent City, CA. Thank you for all your hard work and leadership over the past two years, and we wish you fair winds and following seas!



**LTJG Cuevas learns from LT Meik while mooring the ship in Pearl Harbor**

We are thinking of all of you back home and look forward to seeing you in a few months!

*-Submitted by LTJG Christie Hawn*

**SUPPLY DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**CWO2 JAMES O'BRIEN**

This patrol the Supply Department is doing something a little different. Each newsletter will be written from the perspective of one of the junior members of the department. Therefore, to start off we have the HS3 everyone knows and loves Barry Pittman interviewing some of our new shipmates and telling us what all the Supply Divisions have been up too.



Welcome family and friends to the Supply Departments Section of the Morgenthau Newsletter. We have been staying very busy out here in the great Big Blue, but what keeps us going is all the support we get from the people back home. Thank you for all the emails, and for keeping us in your thoughts.

Now let's get started by introducing new personnel for the HS department. HS2 Tania Goicuria-diaz is TAD from Air station Humboldt Bay. HS2 says, "So far I'm loving the patrol. I was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Miami. Working in the sick bay on the boat is quite different from working on land. The boat is like a big family, and there is nothing better than taking care of family." In other news, the HS department has been very busy after a highly successful TCT period in San Diego CA. Working with new drills underway and learning from them.

It's over to the very busy YN department next with another new TAD shipmate, YN3 Nicholas Winship. I interviewed this new member of the Morgenthau crew and he said. "First I'd like to thank everyone who was patient and helped me get settled in after reporting. A little about me: I grew up in the Baltimore/ Washington area. I spent my first two years in the Coast Guard aboard the CGC Sailfish out of Sandy Hook, NJ. Now I'm back home in DC/ NoVA at the Coast Guard Personnel Command



**YN3 Winship and FS3 Israel prepare a fender during Special Sea Detail on the**

(CGPC-epm-

2). The office I work in back home is great, but it still gets tedious and the traffic is really bad. When the opportunity came to get a five month break from the DC rat-race to sail with CGC MORGENTHAU I jumped on it. I'm grateful for this opportunity to be aboard and the fact that it's a CARAT is an added bonus. I look forward to working with everyone and enjoying the port calls we have ahead of us."

Now to our very own SK shop were we have a new shipmate to introduce SK3 Elizabeth Mastorides. She is from Clearwater, FL she was stationed in Sector North Carolina for about a year and went SK School. She is excited about this CARAT patrol and looks forward to the port of calls. The SK department has been very busy getting all the supplies for the patrol and even though we are underway, they still have to work on getting what the cutter needs and having it shipped out to meet us.

The FS department has two new shipmates SNFS Betz and SNFS Joseph. This newsletter I only had a chance to interview SNFS Betz but I overheard SUPPO say we would all get to know SNFS Joseph when she writes up the next edition of the Newsletter. This is SNFS Talien Betz first unit and she was very enthusiastic when I did the interview, this is what she has to say. "I'm from Gurnee, IL which is about 45 min outside of Chicago. "I think the CARAT is going to be awesome because I've never been to these places before and anything new I can totally embrace." I am sure we are going to hear a lot more about the FS department in our next newsletter so I had better wrap this up.

All in all this patrol is going to be very exciting and filled with new adventures the Morgenthau crew will all enjoy. I would also like to thank all the families for giving the Morgenthau crew so much support for this long deployment. I would also like to thank all of the Coast Guard Units who showed their support in providing personnel for the deployment.

Thank you, Petty Officer Pittman, for that excellent look at CGC Morgenthau's Supply Department. Take care all.

*-Submitted by CWO James O'Brien*



**Mr. Gardner from the Navy League dons a Gumbo Suit**



**Captain O'Day bids farewell to MK2 Knepp**

Cooperation Against Terrorism (SEA-CAT) will take place. SEA-CAT involves the same six host countries and utilizes the same U.S. assets involved in CARAT in a simulated evolution. The SEA-CAT is an exercise which focuses on refining maritime security skills, which includes training related to boarding team tactics/techniques, small boat skills, boarding-at-sea and joint boarding capabilities.

MORGENTHAU has a great opportunity to meet new people, see new things and learn about different cultures. Although MORGENTHAU will be operating in the Eastern Hemisphere and away from her normal operational area she will be "Semper Paratus" – Always Ready and will prove to be "Decus Pacifici" - the Pride of the Pacific.

*-Submitted by ENS Chad Carlough*

**CARAT 2008**

MORGENTHAU has been full speed since our last counter narcotics deployment in the Eastern Pacific. While Transitioning from intense operational mode, to maintenance mode, and now into training mode shipmates have been bid farewell many newly reported crew members welcomed aboard. Currently MORGENTHAU is steaming our way to South East Asia to join the Navy to be part of the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) and the South East Asia Cooperation Against Terrorism (SEA-CAT) 2008. This patrol is the 14th time that the U.S Coast Guard has participated in these bilateral training exercises and MORGENTHAU is eager to be a part of it. This year the CARAT will take place in Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Thailand, Malaysia, and the Philippines. The focus of the CARAT is to foster cooperation between the various nation's naval and Coast Guard forces. Throughout CARAT the primary mission of MORGENTHAU will be to provide maritime law enforcement and search and rescue training to the host nations. Training teams consisting of MORGENTHAU crewmembers have been gearing up to instruct how the U.S. Coast Guard effectively completes these missions. Following the CARAT the South East Asia

**CREW RECOGNITION:**

- Advancements:*  
 FA Gass to FN  
 FA Dixon to FN  
 SA Green to SN  
 SA Carlson to SN  
 OS3 Lopez to OS2

- Qualifications:*  
 U/W Security  
 Watchstander:  
     FA Nadler  
 Inport Security  
 Watchstander:  
     SN Carillo  
 Basic DCPQS:  
     GM3 Haik  
 Helm & Lookout:  
     SN Schneider  
 U/W BMOW:  
     SN Ebrahim



**SN Murguido calls attention on the boatswain pipe at quarters in Hawaii**

*PCS Reporting:*  
OS2 Wilson  
FA Gamester

*PCS Departing:*  
SK2 Healy  
MK2 Knepp  
OS1 Borja  
LTJG Cuevas  
FN Williamson  
FN Garcia  
MK1 Meachum  
FN Disher  
BM3 Sains  
FS1 Gittings

*Awards:*  
Good Conduct:  
SK3 Dean  
BM1 Aguilar



Members of Repair II don flash gear as they participate in a Damage Control Drill

OSC Ramp sends: Terrie, Happy Mother's Day to you, and thanks for the e-mails. I've been keeping up with my Dad's guest book as best I can, and I hope you are well. I'll be sending you a post card from every place I visit on this work/adventurous journey across the Pacific, and I'm thinking of you often. Please tell Robbie & John I say Hello, and hope they are doing well, too. Take care, and with love, Chris.

FN Rossi sends: A shout out to Dan, Jane, and Ben Rossi

ET2 Michael Peru sends: Hey Mom, Dad, Eric and Chris! I miss you guys! Trisha I love you and hope to see you again soon.

CWO James O'Brien sends: My love, miss you! Give Kiera a big hug from me, Hawaii is beautiful; wish you were here to share it with me.

**SHOUT-OUTS FROM THE CREW:**

OS3 Ian Scarborough sends: "This goes out to my family on the right coast: I love you all! This is for Mary Mets: Forget NY! Go Sox! ;)"

OSC Ramp sends: Charissa & Chandler, I miss you two and it sure was good to talk over the phone. Chandler, give Dozer a hug for me, and Happy Mother's Day Charissa. I sent you a token of my appreciation for you and all you do to support our son & family. Thanks for the GOOD news on Friday, 08MAY08, and though initially shocked I was, believe me it was a good shock of news, and I wish I was actually there for you; however I am in spirit. I love you, and will call upon reaching our next destination.

CWO James O'Brien sends: Mom and Harry, Happy Mother's Day! Hope everyone is doing well.

CWO James O'Brien sends: Dad and Lisa, Have a good time in Africa, take some good pictures so I can check them out when I get home.

SK3 Donald Dean sends: To my wife you are for ever in my heart and always on my mind, I love you so very much and I can not wait to be with you again.

SK3 Donald Dean sends: to both sides of my family I love you all and I am having a great time, I promise to take lots of pictures and bring home lots of presents.

OS3 Jordan Waters Sends: Hey Rachel and kids I just wanted to let you guys know that I love you. Rachel hang in there baby just 4 classes left you can do it! I am so proud of you. XOXOXOXOXOXO

ENS Bryan Radik send: I love you Celeste, Sydney, Preston, Alex, and Vincent. Sorry I have to be away for so long. I miss you and will be home as soon as I can.

MK2 Denman sends: Hey Babydoll I miss and love you a couple days down a couple more to go, I will see you in a few have fun with Dave and get him some ice cream, Love Ben

MK2 Denman sends: Hey Dave I love and miss you also make sure your mom gets you that ice cream and I cant wait to come home and take you to the park, take care of your mother for me Love your Dad

MK1 Mark W. Childers sends: Hello from beautiful Hawaii. The weather here is beautiful and gas is cheaper than San Fran! What more do you need? Love you all and hope you are



BM3 MacDonald Organizes line handlers on the Fantail



**SN Derk and SA Massey pose during Special Sea Detail**

doing well. Taking lots of pictures so don't worry. Next stop, the Philippines! Love you all, Mark

SN Justin Carlson sends: I miss my beautiful wife! I Love You Tiffany! <3

CAPT Kevin O'Day sends: Keep working in school Olivia and best of luck with the remainder of your lacrosse season and upcoming finals. I miss you honey.

CAPT Kevin O'Day sends: Congrats on your mid-terms Conor and happy to hear you landed that job finally. Keep working and studying. I miss you bud.



**MK3 Maher dons protective gear for a Chemical, Radiological, or Radiation attack during MORGENTHAU's CBR Drills**

FSCS Darryl McKnight sends: Hey Debbers keep on trucking. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Sam remember 1 year 6 months 4Runner you. And well me and BOB will be rolling. Take care and it's a good thing not doing nothing for a day. Love Daryl

OS1 Michael Guerrero sends: I love and miss you Shar and I can't wait to see pictures of you and baby Skye. I hope you're both doing well. Give her plenty kisses and hugs from Daddy and remind her that I'll be home before she knows it, literally. Happy Mother's day! Love you both!

MK3 Luisney Rodriguez sends: I Miss you Smalls, cant wait to see you again and remember 3 and 0 (thumb war lol)

SA Russell Welsh sends: I want to shout out to my wife Jennifer and my Mother and Father.

MK1 Brian Meachum sends: Hay Ben Denman, and Mark Childers I won't see you guys at muster. You should wear your blouses today.



**Captain O'Day pins the Coast Guard Achievement Medal on MK1 Meachum prior to his departure**

ENS Christie Davis sends: I miss you Mom, Dad, and Kev! We're getting into the routine out here and it's going well so far.

ET3 Michael Hazzard sends: Hey honey! I miss you so much. Tell everyone back home I said hi. Give Wesley a hug and kiss from Daddy. Love you.

ET2 Mark Edillon sends: Joyce and Nathaniel, just a few more months and we'll be living on yet another island! I love you both very much and I thank God for watching our family throughout all the underway deployments. See you soon!

BMC Michael Haley sends: Cynthia, one day we will see Hawaii together. Wish you were here. Love you babe. Sean,

daddy loves and misses you too. I can't wait to hear about your week.

MKC John Buckley sends: Barb, Johnathan, and Mrs. Carlson, I love and miss you all. Tiffany, I'll see if your husband can afford to take you to Hawaii for your belated honeymoon. I'm sure they have good family deals. Love John

1/C Ashley Lerner sends: Hey Family...I LOVE MORGENTHAU!!!!

OSC Phil Marsh sends: Amy, Drew, and Addison: I hope you all are doing well and keeping busy. Addison, watch out for big brother. Drew, look out for and help mommy with Addison. Amy, keep staying busy; the time will hopefully pass by and then we'll be home and together! I love you all and I'll see you soon. Love, me

ENS Chadwick Carlough sends: Mother, Dad, Jay and Garrett I miss you guys I hope you all take advantage of the time I wont be on the golf course so when I get home I wont beat you too badly.

ENS Chadwick Carlough sends: To all my friends from Clinton—I wont see you guys for a while but until then keep your ear to the grind stone.

ENS Chadwick Carlough sends: Miss Jennifer congratulations on your graduation and commissioning. I wish I could be there with you. Enjoy your family and friends.

FS3 Spencer Strickland sends: "I'm already missing you mom and dad. Sis, I'm gonna buy you a shrunken head or something! Give the family some xoxo's for me. Lots of love from the pacific!

OS3 Joshua Quinley sends: Hey Brittany, Heather, Ma & Pa!! Hope all of you are doing good. All is good here. Getting close to Hawaii. Don't worry I'm taking plenty of pics for ya'll. Love and miss Ya'll!!

IS2 Dusty Bingham sends: Hey Steel, I hope everything is goin good, we are having FUN out here. Be sure to take care of MA for me. Angela, you are doin such a good Job with him, remember to start the day with the daily whippings followed by a hearty bowl of Oatmeal, his choice of flavors. I love you both and will see you soon. Me

IS3 Rodriguez sends: Deseame suerte pero mas q. nada reza y confia en dios, Te amo.

MK1 Mike Miller sends: Dear Family I miss you guys a lot and I'm counting the days till I see you again. Tyler be good for your mom. AJ I expect you to be big when I get back. I even miss the dog. Babe I love you. Be strong till I get back. Love Mike Miller

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"

