



USCGC MIDGETT (WMSL-757)

CO: CAPT Matthew Rooney

XO: CDR Donald Stiker

Command Senior Chief: MKC Christopher Chavez

134 Assigned Personnel - 22 Officers, 110 Enlisted



National Security Cutter: The Legend-class NSC is the centerpiece of the Coast Guard's fleet, capable of executing the most challenging operations, including supporting maritime homeland security and defense missions.

Background: USCGC MIDGETT is named after CWO John Allen Midgett. The Midgetts' history with what would later become part of the Coast Guard began as early as 1874. To date, over 200 Midgett family members have served in the Coast Guard and its predecessor branches. The Midgett family gained notoriety in the Coast Guard start in the early 20th century. In August 1918, during the height of World War I, John Allen Midgett Jr. led his surfboat crew on a harrowing rescue of 42 men from a British tanker which had been torpedoed by a German U-boat off the North Carolina coast. For his efforts and bravery, the Coast Guard awarded him the Gold Lifesaving Medal and named Cutter John Midgett (WHEC 726) after him in 1972. Ten members of the Midgett family have been recognized with Coast Guard awards for saving lives – seven Gold Lifesaving Medals and three Silver Lifesaving Medals have been awarded to members of the Midgett family. The continued commitment of the family to the service is ever present.



Joint Maritime Operations:

In June 2021, MIDGETT joined the U.S. Navy in countering Russian naval operations in the vicinity of the Main Hawaiian Island Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), the largest Russian naval exercise in the Pacific since the Cold War. MIDGETT was on scene for seven days as the Surface Action Group (SAG) Commander for two DDGs and one FRC under the tactical control of the C3F. MIDGETT employed their sUAS for over 30 hours in support of multiple agencies and provided imagery and vignettes featured in INDOPACOM briefs and earned high accolades from C3F and DESRON-1 leadership.

RIMPAC 2022/2024:

USCGC MIDGETT, a highly capable platform with a proven track record of success, participated in consecutive RIMPAC exercises, demonstrating the Coast Guard's commitment to global maritime security and partnership. In RIMPAC 2022, MIDGETT showcased its operational flexibility, serving as Commander, Task Force 180 (CTF-180) for opposing forces (OPFOR) while also leading the life-saving rescue and assistance mission for the Peruvian Warship BAP Guise following a severe engine room fire. Two years later at RIMPAC 2024, MIDGETT seamlessly transitioned to supporting blue force operations, integrating into a U.S. Navy Carrier Strike Group to execute simulated exercises that honed interoperability and strengthened the collective ability to respond to a wide range of maritime security challenges. These operations underscore MIDGETT's expertise in a wide range of mission areas, its seamless interoperability with international navies and Department of Defense partners, and unwavering commitment to promoting safety and security at sea.

Secure and Prosperous Indopacific:

USCGC MIDGETT, having recently strengthened vital partnerships in Southeast Asia through engagements with the Singapore Defense Force, Indian Coast Guard, Maldives Defense Force, and Philippine Coast Guard, has arrived in Oceania as a key component of Operation Blue Pacific. This deployment underscores the U.S. Coast Guard's unwavering commitment to maintaining a secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific, working alongside allies and partners to ensure maritime security and promote responsible maritime practices. MIDGETT will focus on deepening cooperation with partner nations to enhance peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region. This collaborative approach, built on shared values and mutual trust, will see MIDGETT working alongside regional partners to counter illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, identify and address maritime vulnerabilities, and promote responsible maritime practices in support of RFMO agreements. Ultimately, these efforts will strengthen deterrence and advance a shared vision for peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region.