



USCGC MIDGETT (WMSL-757)

Commanding Officer: CAPT Brian Whisler

Executive Officer: CDR Donald 'Scott' Stiker

Command Senior Enlisted Leader: MKC Christopher Chavez



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 Jr. The Midgetts' United States Coast Guard (USCG) history began earlier than the service itself, starting as early as 1874 during the Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Life-Saving Service. 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 at the start of 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 the British tanker *Mirlo* which had been torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of North Carolina. 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. 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—the largest Russian Naval exercise in the Pacific since the Cold War. *Midgett* was on-scene for seven days as the Surface Action Group Commander under the tactical control of the U.S. Naval Commander, Third Fleet (C3F) for two U.S. Guided Missile Destroyers (DDGs) and one USCG Fast Response Cutter. *Midgett* employed the ScanEagle Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) for over 30 hours in support of multiple agencies and provided imagery featured in INDOPACOM briefs, earning high accolades from C3F leadership.

Rim Of the Pacific (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. During RIMPAC 2022, *Midgett* showcased its operational flexibility, serving as Commander, Task Force 180 for opposing forces 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 during 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 RIMPAC 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 Blue Pacific and Indo-Pacific:

USCGC Midgett has played a key role in promoting and maintaining a free, secure, and prosperous Blue Pacific and Indo-Pacific. Throughout the Pacific, *Midgett* has collaborated with the Singapore Defense Force, Indian Coast Guard, Maldives Defense Force, and the Philippine Coast Guard, and conducted shiprider operations with Tuvalu, the Royal New Zealand Navy, and Papua New Guinea. *Midgett's* actions throughout the Pacific underscore the U.S. Coast Guard's commitment to advancing a shared vision of peace, security, and responsible maritime practices throughout the Pacific.

Eastern Pacific Operations

Multiple U.S. agencies, including the Departments of Defense, Justice, and Homeland Security, collaborate in the effort to combat transnational organized crime. The Coast Guard, Navy, Customs and Border Protection, FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, along with allied and international partner agencies, all play a role in counter-narcotic operations. The fight against drug cartels in the Eastern Pacific Ocean requires unity of effort in all phases, from detection and monitoring to interdictions and criminal prosecutions.