

It is my privilege to be a part of the USCGC MIDGETT team. Together we will aggressively pursue all missions, embrace the challenge of overcoming obstacles and manage risk to appropriate levels. Most importantly, we will invest our most precious asset, our time, in our subordinate's development to leave the unit and the Coast Guard stronger when we depart. The following three areas constitute our priorities and focus; all of which should be viewed through the lens of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty.

Mission: CGC MIDGETT exists for one reason and one reason only; to conduct Coast Guard missions on behalf of the nation. We all serve an important role on this team to execute the mission. Everyone's role begins with your primary watch-standing responsibility. Run a taught watch that follows ALL Coast Guard and unit policies. Our job is difficult and requires sacrifice from you and your loved ones. Honor that sacrifice by executing whatever mission assigned as thoroughly and professionally as possible.

People: You are the key to success aboard CGC MIDGETT! Lead by example and you will exert influence up and down the chain of command as well as to your peers. Never walk by a mistake without professionally correcting it. You owe it to your subordinates and peers to teach them the right way to do things. Invest in your people and help mentor subordinates to facilitate advancement and encourage higher levels of responsibility. The Chief's Mess will take the lead for crew training and mentorship plans while the Department Heads will take the lead for officers. Respect yourself and your shipmates by doing the best job possible and taking care of each other.

Readiness: The public has entrusted us with CGC MIDGETT. We have an obligation to understand how to use and maintain ALL equipment aboard the cutter while training to meet or exceed standards. We will diligently plan ahead for the ship's schedule and make best use of resources to minimize pulling people through "knot holes" at the last minute. A commitment to planning is critical to run an efficient and effective unit. Devotion to Duty will keep our readiness high, maintain the public trust and leave our successors with a cutter ready to meet all missions.

The ocean is an unforgiving environment. Take pride in your readiness for going to sea and ensure your responsibilities are met. We don't go to sea because it is easy. We go to sea because it is difficult and our military service is needed. You owe it to yourself, your shipmates and our loved ones to be as ready as possible. My job is to set the conditions for you and the unit to be successful. Our goal is to build a humble culture of success that honors the Midgett family namesake. I look forward to that challenge and have confidence we will achieve that goal together.

Semper Paratus,
Your Commanding Officer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Alan McCarty, CAPT". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.