



## USCGC MIDGETT (WMSL-757)



**CO:** CAPT Matthew Rooney  
**XO:** CDR Brian Gismervik  
**Command Senior Chief:** MKCS Mark Perez  
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:**

As a LINK-16 capable asset and CTF-180 CDR for OPFOR, MIDGETT successfully contributed to the recognized maritime picture via LINK-16 with an embarked USN MH-60R in simulated combat exercises during RIMPAC 22. In July 2022, MIDGETT conducted critical rescue and assistance operations for the Peruvian Warship BAP Guise following a life threatening engine room fire suffered during a RIMPAC exercise. In coordination with French Frigate Prarial, MIDGETT led the MEDEVAC of 2 critically injured personnel using an MH-60S from the USS Abraham Lincoln and provided key damage control equipment used to save the ship as well as the 108 remaining sailors on-board. MIDGETT then proceeded to tow the vessel over 200 NM back to the island of Oahu so that she could begin the repair and restoration process. Overall, MIDGETT's actions demonstrated Coast Guard expertise in conducting life-saving operations, as well as interoperability with both foreign navies and DoD partners.

**Free and Open IndoPacific:**

Following RIMPAC, MIDGETT deployed under C7F TACON and conducted foreign engagements and joint operations with the Singapore Defense Force, the Indian Coast Guard, the Maldives Defense Force and the Philippine Coast Guard. These were some of the first country engagements performed with strategic partners since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Following this portcall, MIDGETT will deploy to Oceania to further strengthen partnerships, provide strategic presence and exercise key bilateral agreements iso C-IUUF efforts to support a free and open IndoPacific.