



# News Release

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## **Valiant Hosts U.S. Ambassador to Haiti and Chief of Haitian CG**

*Coast Guard Cutter Valiant receives visit from the U.S. Ambassador to Haiti*

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti. — While anchored in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Coast Guard Cutter Valiant hosted the U.S. Ambassador to Haiti, the Honorable Pamela White, the Deputy Chief of Mission to the U.S. Embassy in Haiti, the Honorable Brian Shukan, and his wife, Claire Shukan, and the Chief of the Haitian Coast Guard, Commissaire Joseph Jean-Marie Wagnac, and other Haitian and U.S. government and military representatives.

This was the first visit of a US Coast Guard cutter to Port-au-Prince since the 2010 earthquakes.

The visit highlighted the cooperation and interoperability between the Haitian and U.S. Coast Guard in support of multiple missions, including migrant repatriation, counter-drug operations, humanitarian aid and disaster response.

“The US Coast Guard has a strong relationship with Haiti, one that is built on the foundation of humanitarian concern,” stated Commanding Officer, Commander Adam Chamie. “With the significant increase in Haitian migrants attempting the dangerous voyage to the US, Bahamas and Puerto Rico, it is important to take opportunities like this to further strengthen our relationships.”

Coast Guard Cutter Valiant is a 210-foot Medium Endurance Cutter with a 75-member crew. The ship is homeported at Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

For more information about CGC Valiant, visit <http://www.uscg.mil/lantarea/cgcValiant>

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