

## COAT OF ARMS



**SHIELD:** The chevrons and the lower portion of the shield simulate the prow of a ship, referring to the third of the Legend Class cutters. The Navy officer's button alludes to Captain Dorothy Stratton's position as a lieutenant in the Navy's Women Appointed Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) before being transferred to the Coast Guard and becoming the first woman in history to serve as a Coast Guard commissioned officer. Red embodies devotion to duty. The masche, a heraldic symbol for female domain displayed in the lower section of the shield, signifies the third Legend Class cutter and the first named in honor of a woman, Captain Stratton. The compass rose conveys direction and the ship's wide scope of capabilities at sea; emplaced upon the masche, it depicts Captain Stratton's brilliant organizational and administrative proficiency in the service of her country.

**CREST:** The crossed anchors, adapted from the Coast Guard insignia, allude to Captain Stratton's achievement as the first Director of the United States Coast Guard Women Reserve, creating the name of the organization, "SPAR," from Semper Paratus meaning "Always Ready." The crimson ribbon is emblematic of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander), awarded for her outstanding military service and achievements. The eagle represents Captain Stratton's highest rank obtained and her duty in various national organizations following her exemplary military career.

**MOTTO:** A dark blue scroll inscribed "ALWAYS READY" in gold lettering, derived from Captain Stratton's name for the women's reserve SPARs.

## CHARACTERISTICS AND FEATURES



**LENGTH:** 418 FEET

**BEAM:** 54 FEET

**DISPLACEMENT:** 4500 LONG TONS

**DRAFT:** 21 FEET

**MAX SPEED:** 30+ KNOTS

**RANGE:** 12,000+ NAUTICAL MILES

**COMPLEMENT:** 110 (16 OFFICERS, 94 ENLISTED)

**MAIN MACHINERY:** 1 GE LM-2500 GAS TURBINE, 2 MTU 1163 MAIN PROPULSION DIESEL ENGINES

**SHIPS POWER:** 3 1360 KW CATERPILLAR DIESEL GENERATORS

**ARMAMENT:** 57MM BOFORS GUN, 1 PHALANX CIWS 1B 20MM, FOUR 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS, TWO M240B LIGHT MACHINE GUNS

**SMALL BOATS:** TWO SHORT RANGE PROSECUTORS (SRP), ONE CB-OTH (OVER THE HORIZON)

**AIRCRAFT CAPABILITY:** ONE MH-60 JAYHAWK, TWO MH-65C DOLPHINS, TWO SH-60 LAMPS

## WELCOME ABOARD!



UNITED STATES COAST  
GUARD CUTTER

STRATTON

WMSL 752

HOMEPORT: ALAMEDA, CA



## SHIP'S NAMESAKE

CAPTAIN DOROTHY C. STRATTON



Captain Dorothy C. Stratton, USCGR (W) was born in Brookfield, MO on 24 March 1899. She attended the Ottawa University in Kansas, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1920 and joined the staff of Purdue University in 1933 as Dean of Women where she was promoted to Full Professor of Psychology in 1940.

In June, 1942 she entered the armed forces of the United States as a senior

lieutenant in the Women's Reserve of the U.S. Naval Reserve (WAVES), where she attended the first class of the U.S. Naval Training Station at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Captain Stratton went on to become the first woman to be accepted for service in the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard. Her transfer to the Coast Guard as the Director of Women's Reserve occurred on 24 November 1942 and she was promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander. She made commander in December, 1943 and captain in February, 1944.

One of her first contributions to the Coast Guard was creating the name SPAR for the Women's Reserve, which she discovered in the first letters of the Coast Guard's motto "Semper Paratus" and its English translation "Always Ready". In her memo to the Commandant, Vice Admiral Russell Waesche, she noted "The initials of [the Coast Guard's motto] are, of course, SPAR. Why not call the members of the Women's Reserve SPARs? . . . As I understand it, a spar is . . . a supporting beam and that is what we hope each member of the Women's Reserve will be."

At the peak of Coast Guard strength in late 1944, one out of every 15 or 16 enlisted persons was a woman and one out of every 12 or 13 officers was a SPAR officer, the highest ratio of women-to-men of any of the armed services at that time.

Enlisted SPARs served in thirty different Coast Guard ratings and many achieved the distinction of being promoted to first class or chief petty officer in their particular specialties. With demobilization soon after the end of hostilities, Captain Stratton left the Coast Guard and became the first director of personnel at the International Monetary Fund where she served until 1950. She then took the position as National Executive Director of the Girl Scouts of America, serving in that capacity for 10 years, before retiring in 1960.

Captain Stratton passed away on 17 September 2006 at the age of 107. In 2008, the Coast Guard named its third National Security Cutter in her honor.

## COMMANDING OFFICER

CAPTAIN CHARLES L. CASHIN III



Captain Charles L. Cashin III, a native of Chelmsford, MA, graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1988 with Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering.

Upon commissioning, he served as Damage Control assistant aboard USCGC STORIS (WMEC 38) home-ported in Kodiak, Alaska. He subsequently served as First Lieutenant of USCGC MACKINAW (WAGB 83)

home-ported in Cheboygan, Michigan, Engineer Officer at Support Center San Pedro, California, Executive Officer aboard USCGC SEDGE (WLB 402), home-ported in Homer, Alaska and as the Chief of Group Operations of Coast Guard Group/Marine Safety Office Los Angeles-Long Beach. Returning to sea and Alaska, Captain Cashin assumed command of USCGC SEDGE (WLB 402) with a subsequent tour as the first Commanding Officer of USCGC HICKORY (WLB 212).

Completing a graduate degree at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Captain Cashin was awarded a Masters of Public Administration. His follow on assignment was as the Chief, Office of Mission Analysis at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC. His responsibilities included the integration of performance metrics into development and defense of the Coast Guard's annual budget request, strategic management of national capabilities and integration of risk methodologies into strategic decision making.

Following duty in Washington, Captain Cashin reported as the Executive Officer aboard USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719). During his tour, the cutter completed two out of hemisphere deployments and global circumnavigation in support of numerous Combatant Commanders and fleets of the US Navy.

Prior to assuming duties as the Commanding Officer of USCGC STRATTON (WMSL 752) Captain Cashin served as the Director of the Coast Guard National Command Center, Washington DC and subsequently as the Vice President's Advisor for Homeland Security. In this capacity, Captain Cashin provided advice and guidance in the development of policy and oversight of national security matters relating to counterterrorism, cyber security and maritime affairs.

Captain Cashin's military awards include the Defense Superior Service medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the 9-11 Service Medal, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation and six Meritorious Team Commendations as well as other personal and service awards.

## COMMAND SENIOR CHIEF

SENIOR CHIEF DAMAGE CONTROLMAN  
DAVID L. STEPHENS



Damage Control Senior Chief David Stephens enlisted in the Coast Guard in April of 1995.

After attending basic training, Senior Chief Stephens was assigned to the USCGC HAMILTON in San Pedro, CA. Following his first assignment, he attended Damage Control A-School in Yorktown, VA. Senior Chief Stephens has served aboard four cutters including USCGC

HAMILTON, USCGC RED BIRCH, USCGC ESCANABA, and USCGC SENECA. His duty stations include Training Center Cape May, Afloat Training Group Norfolk, VA, and HSWL SC Norfolk. He reported aboard USCGC STRATTON in June of 2011.

Senior Chief Stephens' awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and three Commandant Letters of Commendation.

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