

## 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:** ONE GE LM-2500 GAS TURBINE, TWO MTU 1163 MAIN PROPULSION DIESEL ENGINES

**SHIPS POWER:** THREE 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 CB-0TH (OVER THE HORIZON) AND LR-II (LONG RANGE INTERCEPTOR II)

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

## 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 Nathan A. Moore**

Captain Moore was born in Ohio and raised in Gadsden, Alabama. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and was commissioned in May 1992.



His first assignment was as an Engineer Officer in Training (EOIT) and Damage Control Assistant (DCA) onboard USCGC POLAR STAR (WAGB-10) in Seattle, WA. From 1994–1996, CAPT Moore was a ship stability instructor at the Navy Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, RI. From 1996–1998, he attended the University of Michigan where he earned both a Master's of Science in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration.

His subsequent assignment was as the Engineer Officer onboard USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903) in Portsmouth, VA. In 2001, Captain Moore reported to the Coast Guard Personnel Command Center in Washington, DC where he served as Chief of the Officer Promotion Boards Section. From 2004-2006 Captain Moore served as the Executive Officer of the USCGC VENTUROUS (WMEC 625) in St. Petersburg, FL.

From 2006-2008 Captain Moore was the Commanding Officer of Naval Engineering Support Unit Honolulu, Hawaii. He then served as Commanding Officer of USCGC RESOLUTE (WMEC 620) in St Petersburg, Florida from 2008-2010. From 2010-2012 he served as the Chief of the Officer Assignment Branch (OPM-2) at the Personnel Services Center in Arlington, Virginia. Following completion of a year of Senior Service School at the Eisenhower School where he earned a Master's of Science in National Resource Strategy, he served from 2013-2015 as the Chief, Office of Naval Engineering at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Captain Moore's personal awards include four Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal. He has been a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Michigan since 1999.

**Command Chief**  
**Boatswain's Mate Chief Petty Officer**  
**Michelle Gallant**



Chief Boatswain's Mate Michelle Gallant assumed the duties of Command Chief aboard USCGC STRATTON on February 23, 2015. She completed basic training in February 1996. Her units include USCGC DALLAS, Station Portsmouth, USCGC COHO, ANT San Francisco, USCGC OSPREY, Station New York, Station San Francisco,

Training Team West and Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center. She reported aboard USCGC STRATTON in June of 2014. Chief Gallant's awards include the Army Commendation Medal, 4 Achievement Medals, 2 Commandant Letters of Commendation and other personal and service awards. She has earned her permanent Cutterman, Coxswain, and Port Security insignias. Chief Gallant is a graduate of Class 156 of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy and is attending Columbia College for her Bachelor of Arts in General Studies with a Elementary Teaching Certification.

- KEEL LAID: JULY 20, 2009**
- LAUNCHED: JULY 19, 2010**
- CHRISTENED: JULY 23, 2010**
- COMMISSIONED: MARCH 31, 2012**

