



The Coast Guard's sixth national security cutter, Munro, is prepared for its christening in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Nov. 14, 2015. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Patrick Kelley.

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Christens Sixth National Security Cutter

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The Coast Guard christened its sixth national security cutter, Munro, at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Nov. 14.

The cutter was named after Petty Officer 1st Class Douglas A. Munro, the Coast Guard's sole Medal of Honor recipient, who died while evacuating a detachment of Marines from Guadalcanal Sept. 27, 1942.

Munro's great-niece, Julie Sheehan, is the ship's sponsor and performed the honor of breaking a bottle of American sparkling wine across the ship's bow during the christening ceremony.

Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Paul Zukunft presided over the ceremony and spoke to the Coast Guard's need for advanced ships like the NSC to defend the nation and disrupt transnational criminal networks.

"In the last three months, national security cutters like Munro have made nearly 40 interdictions at sea and have removed over \$1.5 billion in cocaine," Zukunft said. "From the keel up, these magnificent platforms were designed and constructed to counter 21st-century maritime threats to our nation."

Construction on Munro began Oct. 7, 2013. The cutter was launched Sept. 12, 2015, and is scheduled for delivery in 2016.

Each NSC is 418 feet long, has a 54-foot beam and displaces 4,500 tons with a full load. It has a top speed of 28 knots, a range of 12,000 miles and endurance for 60- to 90-day patrol cycles. Each NSC has automated weapons systems and advanced command and control systems that enhance the Coast Guard's interoperability with its partners in the Defense and Homeland Security departments.