



The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Kathleen Moore man the ship and bring it to life during a commissioning ceremony held May 10, 2014. The Kathleen Moore is the ninth of 58 planned Fast Response Cutters to be commissioned. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Jon-Paul Rios.

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Commissions Ninth Fast Response Cutter into Service

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Coast Guard Cutter Kathleen Moore was commissioned into service at Coast Guard Sector Key West, Fla., May 10, 2014. The Kathleen Moore is the third of six Fast Response Cutters to be homeported in Key West, and the ninth ship to be delivered through the Coast Guard's Sentinel-class FRC recapitalization project.

The sponsor of the ship, Mrs. Mary Jane Currier, and her husband Vice Adm. John P. Currier, Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, were on hand to welcome the newest addition to the Coast Guard's fleet. The 154-foot FRC class has a top speed of 28 knots, state-of-the-art command, control, communications and computer technology and a stern launch system for the vessel's 26-foot cutter boat. The Kathleen Moore will join eight FRCs previously delivered in performing operations in the Seventh Coast Guard District.

The cutter's namesake is Lighthouse Keeper Kathleen Moore. Moore spent most of her life in service at Black Rock Harbor Light on Fayerweather Island, located in Long Island Sound near Bridgeport, Conn. Kathleen's father, Stephen Moore, was named keeper of the Black Rock Harbor light in 1817. Stephen was often in ill health and had difficulty performing the arduous duties, leaving his oldest child, Kathleen, to assume much of the responsibility for maintaining the light. Moore was named keeper in 1871 upon the death of her father. She retired from duty in 1878. Moore is officially credited with saving 21 lives during her service. When she retired from service in 1878 at the age of 84 and was

asked about the number of lives that she had saved, Moore said, "I wish it had been double that number."