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Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Accepts 18th Fast Response Cutter

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The Coast Guard accepted delivery of the 18th fast response cutter, Joseph Tezanos, in Key West, Florida, June 22.

The ship will be the sixth FRC stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and is scheduled for commissioning in August.

The cutter is named after Ensign Joseph Tezanos, who, as a petty officer second class, risked his life to save more than 40 people after an explosion on a landing ship tank caused a chain reaction throughout an armada moored at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, May 21, 1944. For his bravery aboard the rescue boat, Tezanos received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal and a Coast Guard commendation letter from the commandant.

The Coast Guard is acquiring 58 FRCs to patrol coastal areas and replace the 1980s-era 110-foot Island-class patrol boats. The FRCs are 154 feet long with endurance for five days and feature improved seakeeping and habitability; advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment; and standardized cutter boats that can be launched from astern.

Of the 38 FRCs ordered, 17 are in service: six in Miami; six in Key West, Florida; and five in San Juan.