



Capt. Thomas King (center), prospective commanding officer of Coast Guard Cutter Munro, receives the key to the ship from Derek Murphy, Huntington Ingalls Industries' national security cutter (NSC) program manager, following the ship's delivery Dec. 16, 2016. Capt. Christopher Webb (left) oversaw the delivery of the sixth NSC as commanding officer of Project Resident Office Gulf Coast. Photo courtesy of Huntington Ingalls Industries.

Acquisition Update: Sixth National Security Cutter Delivered To Coast Guard

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The Coast Guard accepted delivery of the sixth national security cutter (NSC), Munro, in Pascagoula, Mississippi, today.

The Munro is scheduled for commissioning in April 2017 and will be the fourth NSC stationed in Alameda, California.

The cutter's namesake, Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro, died Sept. 27, 1942, at Guadalcanal after he volunteered to evacuate a detachment of Marines facing annihilation by an unanticipated enemy force. Munro successfully extricated most of the Marines and then maneuvered himself and his boats in a position to cover the last group of men evacuating from the beach. This action exposed him to greater enemy fire, causing him to suffer a mortal wound. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and is the only Coast Guardsman to be awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor.

The 418-foot cutters provide open-ocean patrol capabilities for complex law enforcement, defense and national security missions. They have endurance for 60- to 90-day patrol cycles and a range of 12,000 nautical miles, and they can operate in the most demanding maritime environments. Replacing the 1960s-era 378-foot high endurance cutters, the NSCs feature enhanced seakeeping, improved habitability and advanced

command, control, communication, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment.

The seventh and eighth NSCs, Kimball and Midgett, will be stationed in Honolulu. The Kimball is scheduled for delivery in 2018, and the Midgett's christening is scheduled for January 2017. The first three NSCs – Coast Guard cutters Bertholf, Waesche and Stratton – are stationed in Alameda, California. The fourth and fifth NSCs – Coast Guard cutters Hamilton and James – are stationed in Charleston, South Carolina.