

# Coast Guard Commissions Cutter Harold Miller



The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Harold Miller stand at attention after the ship was brought to life during its commissioning ceremony at Sector Field Office Galveston, Texas, on July 15. U.S. COAST GUARD / Petty Officer 3rd Class Paige Hause

HOUSTON – The U.S. Coast Guard held a commissioning ceremony for the Coast Guard Cutter Harold Miller, the service's 38th fast-response cutter, at Sector Field Office Galveston, Texas, on July 15, the Coast Guard 8th District said.

The district commander, Rear Adm. John Nadeau, presided over the ceremony, along with Lt. Michael Salerno, the Harold Miller's commanding officer.

Harold Miller, the cutter's namesake, was a Coast Guard boatswain's mate second class and a Silver Star recipient for his heroic actions that led to the victory at Tulagi Island during World War II.

On Aug. 7, 1942, while stationed aboard the USS McKean, Miller piloted the first wave of landing craft on Tulagi Island in the Pacific theater against a Japanese force on Guadalcanal Island. Miller then made repeated trips despite heavy enemy fire to affect the landing of his embarked troops, equipment ammunition and supplies.

The Harold Miller's patrol area will encompass 900 miles of coastline for the 8th District, from Carrabelle, Florida, to Brownsville, Texas. Fast-response cutters are named after Coast Guard enlisted heroes and will replace the service's 110-foot patrol boats.

These vessels feature advanced command, control,

communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment.