Coast Guard Cutter Stratton Returns to Alameda Following 162-Day Patrol



Matt Gormanous holds his 16-month-old daughter, Blaire, on Nov. 22 in Alameda, California. Gormanous is a crew member aboard the Stratton, which returned from a patrol in the western Pacific Ocean. U.S. Coast Guard/Senior Chief Petty Officer NyxoLyno Cangemi

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The crew of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Stratton returned Nov. 22 to their homeport of Alameda following a 162-day deployment to the western Pacific Ocean, Coast Guard Pacific Area said in a release.

The crew departed Alameda on June 13 and has operated under the tactical control of the commander of the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet. In the western Pacific, the crew patrolled and conducted operations as directed, including enforcing United Nations Security Council resolutions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by monitoring and gathering intelligence on vessels conducting ship-to-ship transfers in the East China, South China and Yellow Seas.

They also engaged in professional exchanges and visited ports in Fiji, Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. Crew members combated illegal fishing and conducted community relations events and capacity-building exercises with navies and coast guards throughout the region.

The U.S. Coast Guard has an enduring role in the Indo-Pacific, going back more than 150 years. The service's ongoing deployment of resources directly supports U.S. foreign policy

and national security objectives in the Indo-Pacific region.

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Commissioned in 2010, Stratton was the third of the Coast Guard’s Legend-class national security cutters. Eight national security cutters are currently in service, including four homeported in Alameda and two in Honolulu.

These technologically advanced ships are 418 feet long, 54 feet wide and have a 4,600 long-ton displacement. They have a top speed in excess of 28 knots, a range of 12,000 nautical miles, endurance of up to 90 days and can accommodate a crew of up to 170.

National security cutters feature advanced command-and-control capabilities, aviation support facilities, stern cutter boat launch and increased endurance for long-range patrols to disrupt threats to national security further offshore.

“The U.S. Coast Guard’s unique authorities, capabilities, and missions make us the maritime safety and security partner of choice for sea-going countries around the world,” Fagan said. “Our increased presence throughout the Indo-Pacific will enhance regional stability and improve maritime governance and

security.”