Coast Guard to Commission Fast-Response Cutter Daniel Tarr

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The Coast Guard Cutter Daniel Tarr moors in Galveston, Texas, on Dec. 26. The Daniel Tarr is the service's 36th fast response cutter and will be commissioned Jan. 10. U.S. Coast Guard/Petty Officer 3rd Class Paige Hause ARLINGTON, Va. – The Coast Guard will commission the fastresponse cutter Daniel Tarr in Galveston, Texas, on Jan. 10, according to the Coast Guard's 8th District.

The Daniel Tarr is the 36th FRC delivered to the Coast Guard by Bollinger Shipyards. Vice Adm. Scott Buschman, Coast Guard Atlantic Area commander, will preside over the ceremony.

Lt. Nicholas Martin is the Daniel Tarr's commanding officer.

Daniel Tarr, the cutter's namesake, was one of four Coast Guard coxswains who served with the Marines during the amphibious invasion of Tulagi, Solomon Islands, in August 1942. Tarr enlisted as a surfman and later became coxswain of USS McKean's Boat Number 1 prior to the invasion.

On Aug. 7, 1942, Tarr, along with the other three coxswains, landed the first wave of the Marine Corps' Raider Battalion on the beaches of Tulagi. In the following three days, they also delivered vitally needed equipment, ammunition and supplies. For their role in the landing of the Marines' first wave and capture of Tulagi, the four coxswains were awarded the Silver Star Medal. They were the first enlisted men in the Coast Guard to receive the Silver Star Medal.

The Coast Guard Cutter Daniel Tarr'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 are replacing the service's 110-foot patrol boats. These vessels feature advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment.