

The **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD CUTTER GALLATIN (WHEC-721)** is the sixth Coast Guard Cutter to be named after Albert Gallatin, who served as Secretary of the Treasurer under Presidents Madison and Jefferson.

The present **GALLATIN** was built by Avondale Shipyard in New Orleans, Louisiana, with 12 other multi-mission Hamilton Class Cutters which incorporated the most modern concepts of naval architecture and engineering. It is a unique military vessel which balances the need for highly sophisticated operational capabilities with comfort and convenience for her present crew of 15 officers and 139 enlisted personnel.

**GALLATIN** is 378 feet, has a navigational draft of 24 feet and a beam of 42 feet. It has twin shafts with controllable pitch 13 foot propellers and twin rudders. Each shaft may be powered by either a 3,500 horse power diesel engine or an 18,000 horsepower gas turbine. Under diesel power maximum speed is 18 knots, while with turbines it is capable of making 28 knots. **GALLATIN** is also equipped with a retractable, electrically powered 350 horsepower bow propulsion unit that can be trained through an arc of 360 degrees providing excellent maneu-

verability alongside a pier. **GALLATIN** also features innovative direct pilot house control of all propulsion systems and can cruise up to 12,000 miles before refueling. **GALLATIN'S** helicopter flight deck tends its Search and Rescue and surveillance capabilities by providing landing, fueling, and repair facilities for Coast Guard helicopters.

Following in the tradition of its five honorable predecessors, this 3,100 ton cutter's peacetime duties consist of: Search and Rescue, Enforcement of Laws and Treaties, Protection of US Fisheries, and Illegal Migrant Interdiction. **GALLATIN'S** crew is trained and equipped to operate with naval forces to carry out military missions in times of war and national emergency. Armament for these tasks includes a 5" 38 caliber gun mount, two anti-submarine torpedo tube mounts, 20 mm and 50 caliber gun mounts and a variety of small arms. **GALLATIN**, routinely participates in U.S. Naval Training and Operational Fleet Exercises. The ship's Tactical Operations Center and Radio Room, as well as its internal and external closed circuit television systems, provide **GALLATIN** with the equipment to exercise command and control for all her missions.

