



USCGC Mellon (WHEC 717)

Active Duty Personnel: 178

Reserve Personnel: 0

Civilian Personnel: 0

Payroll: \$6,230,000

Budget: \$616,756

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Established: The Mellon's keel was laid on July 25, 1966 at Avondale Shipyards in New Orleans, La. It was launched February 11, 1967 and commissioned January 9, 1968. The cutter was named after Andrew W. Mellon, 49th Secretary of the Treasury from 1921-1932.

The ship spent the first 12 years of commissioned service homeported in Honolulu, Hawaii. The cutter was decommissioned and entered the fleet renovation and modernization (FRAM) program in 1985. The Mellon was recommissioned and rejoined the fleet in 1989.

The 378-foot High Endurance Cutter class is the largest, aside from the two Polar Class Icebreakers, ever built for the Coast Guard. They are powered by diesel engines and gas turbines, and have controllable-pitch propellers. The cutters are equipped with a helicopter flight deck, retractable hangar, and the facilities to support helicopter deployment. Highly versatile and capable of performing a variety of missions, the 378-foot cutters operate throughout the world's oceans.

What do we do: The cutter Mellon was designed to perform each of the Coast Guard's missions, which include search and rescue, defense operations, law enforcement, and environmental protection. The Mellon conducts Alaskan fishery

patrols, enforcing international and domestic fishing requirements. Mellon patrols the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea, the Eastern Pacific down to South America.

Accomplished Operations: A Coast Guard helicopter crew deployed on the Mellon pursued a Russian trawler and its crew that were seen fishing more than a mile inside the U.S. Economic Exclusive Zone (EEZ) in the Bering Sea May 24, 1999. The helicopter crew flew over the 200-foot trawler Svetlomorsk during a patrol of the maritime boundary line and observed the ship fishing in U.S. waters. The crew notified officials aboard the Mellon before ordering the fishing vessel to stop. Hot pursuit began after the vessel's crew failed to stop.



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