



USCGC Donald Horsley (WPC-1117)
"Facere Inferna"



The USCGC DONALD HORSLEY (WPC-1117) is the 17th of the Coast Guard's class of Fast Response Cutters commissioned on May 20, 2016. Homeported in San Juan, Puerto Rico, HORSLEY executes key missions on behalf of Sector San Juan and the Coast Guard's Seventh District including counter-drug, alien migrant interdiction, and search and rescue operations. HORSLEY's operations contribute to the maritime safety and security of the United States' most southern border, a 1.2 million square mile area spanning Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and much of the Eastern Caribbean.

HORSLEY takes her name from a true legend in Coast Guard history, Master Chief Boatswain's Mate Donald Horsley. Master Chief Horsley served over 44 years in the Coast Guard, including 29 years of sea service aboard 34 vessels. A Coast Guard war hero, Horsley fought in both World War II and the Vietnam War. During World War II, he served as a coxswain on landing craft aboard the USS CEPHEUS (AKA 18) and participated in Operation Dragoon and Operation Iceberg during the invasions of Southern France and Okinawa. During the Vietnam War, he served a total of 41 months as the senior enlisted person assigned to Division 13, Coast Guard Squadron One, aiding in the maritime interdiction of war supplies in route to opposition fighters in South Vietnam. At his retirement ceremony, BMCM Horsley recalled that he had "raised more hell in a 20-year period than most people do in a lifetime," which has proudly inspired the cutter's motto "Raise Hell."

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