

Chapter Newseyletter

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US Coast Guard cutter reaches the North Pole



U S Coast Guard Photo

From USCGC Healy blog during Arctic West Summer (AWS) 2015

It was a bright sunny morning that *USCGC HEALY* WAGB-30 crashed through the ice and lurched forward toward destiny. From a hundred feet over the icy reach, LTJG Trip Fernandes and ENS Nicki Morin carefully guided the ship toward the goal. With a cheer, the bridge erupted in applause at 7:47am on September 5th, as *HEALY* became the first unaccompanied United States surface vessel to reach the North Pole.

This is only the fourth time in history a U.S. Surface vessel has reached the North Pole, and the first since 2005. As a point of personal pride, three of those four visits were made by *HEALY*!

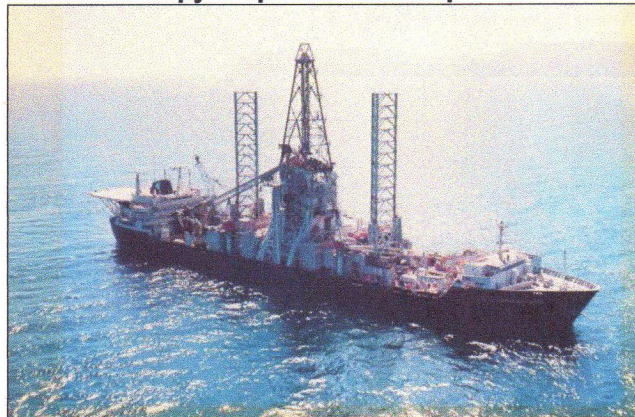
USCG Manned WWII DE Decommissioned by Mexico Navy



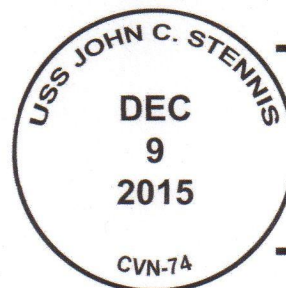
The Mexican Navy just decommissioned a destroyer escort that, during the Second World War, was manned by the Coast Guard. The ARM *Manuel Azueta* (D-111) was the former USS *Hurst* (DE-250). She was first commissioned

30 Aug. 1943. Her first CO was LCdr. Bret H. Brallier, USCG. *Hurst* Decommissioned on 1 May 1946. She had three names while in the Mexican Navy; ARM *Commodore Manuel Azueta* (A06), ARM *Commodore Manuel Azueta Perillos* (E30) and ARM *Commodore Manuel Azueta* (D111).

Former CIA Spy Ship Sold for Scrap



The *USNS Hughes Glomar Explorer* (T-AG 193) (aka HGE and Hughes Glomar Explorer) was built by Sun Ship in Chester PA was a project of the CIA to raise a sunken USSR submarine K-129 (lost April 1968) from the ocean floor. Her cost to build was \$350 mil. A cover story used by the CIA was that she would mine manganese nodules from the ocean floor. Howard Hughes assisted in this covert project. In 1974, the ship attempted to raise K-129, but allegedly a portion of the sub fell back to the ocean floor according to official reports. The project had a code name of Project Azorian. The section that was recovered, still contained the remains of Soviet sailors, who were given a proper burial at sea and the ceremony was video taped. The ship was mothballed for many years. In 1975 the LA Times broke the cover of the ship. In 1997 the ship was leased from the GSA, and received a \$180 mil. conversion to a dynamic positioning drilling ship and was renamed *GSF Explorer*. A consortium of oil companies funded the project until she was placed out of service in April 2015.



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