



### *U.S.C.G.C. DALLAS (WHEC-716)*

The USCGC DALLAS (WHEC 716) is named for the sixth Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander J. Dallas, who served under President Madison from 1814-1816. She was built by Avondale Shipyards, Incorporated, Avondale, La. Her keel was laid on 7 February 1966 and later launched on 1 October 1966. The sponsor was Miss Dallas Pell, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Pell (D-Rhode Island). The new DALLAS is the sixth ship in Coast Guard history to bear the name.

The present DALLAS is a 378-foot high endurance cutter which displaces 2953 long tons in a normally loaded condition. She is 350 feet between perpendiculars (length at the waterline) and has a beam of 42 feet at her widest point. She was designed for the purpose of long range search and rescue.

Either diesel or gas turbine power is used to drive her twin 13-foot diameter controllable pitch propellers. The DALLAS is also equipped with a Schottel Nederland bow propulsion unit of 350 shaft horsepower, whose propeller is trainable through 360 degrees.

The DALLAS is armed with a single 5"/38 gun mount and dual 81 MM mortars forward, antisubmarine torpedo launchers (port and starboard amidships), and six 50-caliber machine gun mounts.

The ship is capable of receiving, carrying, fueling and launching two helicopters. She also has a small helicopter repair shop in which minor repairs can be performed on a helicopter.