



Economic Prosperity

Ports, waterways, and inland rivers give the U.S. a global economic advantage. The Coast Guard **works with industry partners to ensure this economic engine**, including a barge fleet on the Mississippi River, operates safely and efficiently.

More than 90 percent of the world's goods and over \$4 trillion of economic activity are supported by the maritime supply chain. *USCGC Hollyhock* (WLB-214) supports these efforts by **keeping maritime traffic moving** throughout the Great Lakes.

The Coast Guard's sea presence has yielded **record drug seizures and prosecutions** in the past two years. The Coast Guard will continue to protect the U.S. by interdicting drugs at sea using cutters like *USCGC Hamilton* (WMSL-753), shown at port in Charleston, S.C.



Border Security

The Coast Guard's efforts to **combat drug and human smuggling operations** include joint missions with other agencies. Crew members of *USCGC Valiant* (WMEC-621) interdicted illegal narcotics while on patrol in the Pacific Ocean in 2016 as part of those efforts.

