



# Coat of Arms

## Blazon/Description

**Shield.** On a shield blazoned as follows: Celeste (Bluebird), in chief a ship's propeller Proper surmounted by between in chief four six-pointed mullets two to dexter and two to sinister Argent and between a chevron rompu of dexter Gules, chief Argent, and sinister Azure; a base barry wavy of the fourth and Celeste (Oriental Blue) fimbriated Argent; a diminished bordure Brün patterned with latte stones Proper and edged along the outside with a border Azure (Dark Blue).

**Crest.** From a wreath Argent and Celeste (Bluebird), a cogwheel Gules, surmounted by a Coast Guard World War II period cutter of the first (Silver Gray), in transient zig-zag camouflage garnished Sable.

**Supporters.** Behind the shield, crossed in saltire a United States Coast Guard officer sword and Chief Petty Officer saber Proper.

**Motto.** A scroll Celeste (Bluebird) inscribed "CONQUER ADVERSITY" Argent.

## Symbolism

**Shield.** The blue border in the shape of a sling stone and the border of bisque latte stones allude to the rich Chamorro culture in Guam, the cutter's first homeport. The propeller indicates Oliver Henry's rating of motor machinist, mechanical prowess and his ability to advance under strenuous conditions. The chevron rompu is emblematic of progress and barrier breaking in the face of discrimination while serving his country. The colors of the chevron convey the open waters with blue, the sky as white and the coastline through red. Red, white, and blue are both the National and Coast Guard's colors. The alternating wavy base refers to the oceans and coastline protection in which the unit accomplishes its service. The white wavy bar signifies fast response in the event of emergency. The ship characterizes dedication to duty with honor and pays tribute to the command and crew. The four six-pointed stars in chief represent the Constellation Sextans which sailors would use to navigate the oceans.

**Crest.** The red cogwheel represents the namesake's rate of motor machinist and his dedication to duty with honor and integrity. The USCGC *Northland* (WPG-49) in transient World War II zig-zag camouflage alludes to his service onboard the cutter when he transferred from mess steward to the service's first black motor machinist. Through excellent qualifications Oliver Henry rose through the rank of Chief Petty Officer while onboard *Northland*.

**Supporters.** The Coast Guard officer sword and enlisted saber signify authority, professionalism, cooperation and unity in the accomplishment of their mission.

**Motto.** The motto, "**CONQUER ADVERSITY,**" characterizes the dedication and professionalism of the organization to fulfilling the rapid rescue or combatant campaign needs of the military and civilians around the world while paying tribute to the legacy of Oliver Henry to break the color barrier in his support of the Coast Guard. The blue and white colors of the scroll imply dominion over both land and sea.

**Seal.** The coat of arms as blazoned in full color on a circular white background, enclosed by a dark blue border edged on the outside with a gold rope, inscribed "**USCGC OLIVER HENRY**" above and "**WPC 1140**" below in gold.