



Rear Admiral Steven D. Poulin
Commander, First Coast Guard District
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RADM Poulin's previous flag assignments include the Judge Advocate General and Chief General Counsel of the Coast Guard where he was responsible for the delivery of all legal services in support of the Coast Guard's missions, its units and its people and as the Director of Governmental and Public Affairs, where he was responsible for external engagement with Congress, the media and other intergovernmental entities.

RADM Poulin has served as the Commander of Coast Guard Sector Mobile, where he directed Coast Guard operations in Mississippi, Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle. He further served as the Incident Commander for Deepwater Horizon oil spill response operations in that same geographic area. His other operational tours include Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Sector Mobile; Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Group Galveston, Texas; Law Enforcement Officer and Assistant Operations Officer at Coast Guard Group Mobile, Alabama and as a Deck Watch Officer on USCGC DAUNTLESS (WMEC-624).



RADM Poulin was the Chief, Office of Maritime and International Law and the Special Adviser for Border and Transportation Security in the Office of Vice President Cheney. Additionally, he was the Coast Guard's liaison to the State Department's Office of Oceans Affairs, where he served on U.S. delegations to myriad committees of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). He was the Legal Counsel for the Coast Guard's Port Security Director and served as the Legislative Counsel in the Coast Guard's Office of Congressional Affairs.

He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in Management. He was awarded his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from the University of Miami School of Law. Other degrees include a Master of Law (Environmental Law), with highest honors, from the George Washington University Law School; Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College; and Master of Public Administration from the University of South Alabama.