

Captain John S. Kenyon
Commanding Officer,
U.S. Coast Guard Activities Europe

Captain Kenyon assumed command of Activities Europe on June 2, 2010, following a tour in Juneau, Alaska, where he served as the Seventeenth Coast Guard District, Chief of Prevention. As Chief of Prevention, he was responsible for all Coast Guard operations aimed at preventing safety and security incidents aboard foreign and domestic ships and at diverse maritime facilities throughout the state of Alaska. From May through September 2009, he was temporarily assigned as Commander, Coast Guard Sector Anchorage.

In 2007, Captain Kenyon attended the U.S. Marine Corps War College in Quantico, Virginia. While at the USMC War College, he earned a Master of Strategic Studies degree and JPME (Joint Professional Military Education) II certification.

His previous tours of duty ashore include assignment as the Deputy Sector Commander at Sector Hampton Roads, Virginia; Division Officer in the Port Security Directorate at USCG Headquarters, Washington, D.C.; Marine Safety Department Head and duty Inspector and Investigator at Group / Marine Safety Office Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; and Assistant Chief of Inspections, Marine Safety Office Port Arthur, Texas.

Captain Kenyon served afloat aboard the *USCGC Gallatin*, *USCGC Dallas* (Governors Island, New York), and *USS Cushing* (San Diego/Pearl Harbor). While participating in the USCG / USN officer exchange program as the Navigator aboard *USS Cushing (DD 985)*, he earned the U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) insignia. His last tour afloat was as the Commanding Officer of *USCGC Sanibel* in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. In 1993, he volunteered for temporary duty aboard the flagship of NATO's Standing Naval Force Mediterranean (*ITS Vittorio Veneto*) and conducted vessel law enforcement (boarding/search/seizure) training aboard NATO warships engaged in the United Nations' embargo against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

A native of Albion, New York, he graduated from Arizona State University (1985) prior to attending Coast Guard Officers Candidate School in Yorktown, Virginia. He earned a Master of Science degree in Quality Systems Management from the National Graduate School in 2004.

His personal awards include four Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the DOT 9-11 Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the U.S. Navy Achievement Medal. He has also earned designation as a U.S. Coast Guard Cutterman and Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Professional.

Captain Kenyon is married to the former Margaret McGrath of Tempe, Arizona. They have three sons: Spencer, John, and Brian. Spencer is a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.