



Rear Admiral Kevin Cook

Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Kevin Cook serves as the Commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District headquartered in New Orleans, and is responsible for U.S. Coast Guard operations spanning 26 states, including the Gulf of Mexico coastline from Florida to Mexico, the adjacent offshore waters and outer continental shelf, as well as the inland waterways of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee River systems.

At the time of his flag officer selection, Rear Admiral Cook was serving as Chief of Staff for the Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Seattle, WA. Subsequent flag assignments include Director of the Operations Command Implementation Team in Portsmouth, VA; Director of Prevention Policy in Washington, DC; and, Deputy Commander of the Atlantic Area in Portsmouth, VA.



Previous duty assignments include three tours afloat: CGC MADRONA as a deck watch officer; CGC BITTERSWEET as the Executive Officer; and CGC COWSLIP as the Commanding Officer. His tours ashore include assignments as a staff engineer in Hazardous Materials Division where he later returned as Division Chief. As Director of Prevention Policy, he was responsible for many of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship missions affecting waterways management, domestic and international shipping, recreational and fishing boats, and port facilities throughout the nation.

Rear Admiral Cook has held a variety of field positions supporting the Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection mission areas; at Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads, Virginia, Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston, Texas, as Executive Officer, and subsequently Commanding Officer. For two years following 9/11, he also directed maritime homeland security operations through command of the regional Task Unit covering waters from Freeport, Texas, eastward to Lake Charles, Louisiana. In 2010, he served as the National Incident Commander's representative to BP headquarters for oversight of well containment activities in the Deepwater Horizon response.

A native of Freehold, NJ, he graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1979 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Ocean Engineering. Rear Admiral Cook also earned a Master of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from Princeton University. He is a 1999 graduate of the U.S. Army War College, and later served a one year appointment as the Coast Guard Fellow to Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and Coast Guard Achievement Medal. Additionally he was recognized by the National Propeller Club as the Port of Houston Maritime Person of the Year for 2003.