

United States Coast Guard

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



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International Affairs Mission

To advise, inform and assist the Commandant on strategies, foreign policy matters, and the general impact of Coast Guard programs and operations in international affairs. To coordinate all aspects of Coast Guard international affairs including negotiating agreements, participating in international organizations, training foreign personnel, arranging visits by foreign officials, providing technical assistance to foreign governments, and travel of Coast Guard personnel abroad.



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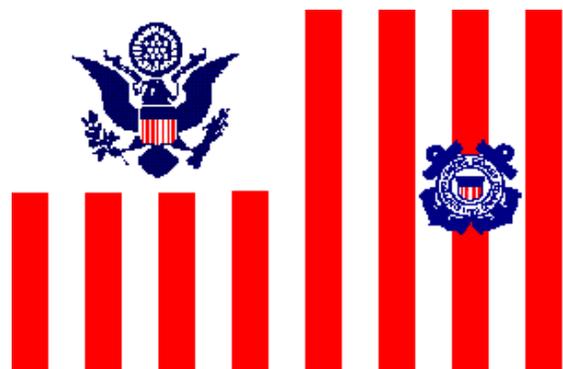
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International Responsibilities

Overview

As the **Foreign Policy Advisor** to the Commandant, the **Director of International Affairs** provides advice to Coast Guard senior leadership on national security and foreign policy matters and ensures the consistency of Coast Guard international activities within the construct of United States foreign policy.

The **International Affairs Staff** ensures that the Coast Guard's international activities are coordinated within the interagency arena.



Working with the Office of the **Secretary of Transportation, the Departments of State and Defense**, and Coast Guard offices and commands, the International Affairs Staff coordinates and monitors Coast Guard international policy, participation in international organizations, technical assistance and training to foreign governments, as well as other Coast Guard international activities. This coordination and oversight ensures that Coast Guard contributions to achieving U.S. foreign policy objectives are focused and effective.

In this changing world, issues such as security, safety, the environment, international trade, law enforcement, and economic and technical development have risen to the top of the global agenda. As a world leader in maritime safety, security, law enforcement and environmental stewardship, the Coast Guard is actively engaged in these international endeavors.

International Policy and Operations

The International Affairs Staff coordinates international policy, participation, and operations within the Coast Guard, and with other U.S. government agencies, foreign governments, and international organizations in the following areas:

The International Advisory Group (IAG)

Internal coordination is a key to success

The Director of Coast Guard International Affairs is the Chairman of the Coast Guard's IAG. The IAG was chartered by the Commandant and comprises representatives from the **Assistant Commandant for Operations, the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, and Environmental Protection, the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, the Chief Counsel, the two Area Commanders, and other members as appropriate.** The IAG is responsible for coordinating aspects of Coast Guard international policy and for reaching consensus on difficult issues. One of the key developments of the IAG is the International Engagement Plan.

International Operations

Daily interactions enhance international cooperation

Coast Guard units regularly interact with other nations in the course of performing their missions.



U.S. Coast Guard and Argentine Coast Guard discuss items of mutual interest

Daily search and rescue, marine safety, and law enforcement actions involve foreign nationals, aircraft, and vessels. The Coast Guard conducts combined exercises and other cooperative efforts with numerous international counterparts. Coast Guard International Affairs assists as necessary in these endeavors.

International Agreements

International cooperation enhances Coast Guard performance

The **International Affairs Staff** often coordinates or is involved in agreement negotiation. The United States is party to international agreements covering search and rescue, maritime safety, pollution response, personnel exchange, technology sharing, and law enforcement. These agreements enhance the Coast Guard's performance, save lives and money, and lead to greater standardization of the world's maritime regulations.

The **International Affairs Staff** formulates and publishes policy goals throughout the service. These goals are coordinated closely with the Department of State, Department of Defense, and Coast Guard program managers. The International Affairs Staff maintains a database of Coast Guard agreements and compiles information on other international agreements that affect the Coast Guard.



The Coast Guard hosts many international visitors which enhance international cooperative efforts.

International Policy and Operations continued

International Billets

Members of the Coast Guard serve overseas to advance U.S. interests

Coast Guard liaison officers, advisors, and attachés are assigned to U.S. embassy staffs and geographic U.S. Commanders-in-Chiefs in many locations. Other Coast Guard officers serve on international narcotics task forces or are part of the United States' overseas security assistance network. The **International Affairs Staff** sponsors security assistance billets and serves as a link between Coast Guard personnel stationed overseas and the rest of the Coast Guard. Locations of USCG international billets are shown on the next page.

Foreign Travel

Monitoring the Coast Guard's official foreign travel

The **International Affairs Staff** monitors flag level and other high interest Coast Guard official foreign travel, provides information on the countries/regions to be visited, and assists Coast Guard personnel on procedural and diplomatic matters with U.S. and foreign embassies.

Personnel Exchanges

Serving with other nations' forces

The Coast Guard participates in personnel exchange programs with other nations, such as the **United Kingdom, Canada and Argentina**. Agreements provide for the long-term reciprocal exchange of pilots with the **Royal Air Force**, the **Royal Navy**, and the **Canadian Forces**. The **Argentine Coast Guard (Prefectura Naval)** also has a Liaison Officer assigned to U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters. In addition to the experience gained, the service derives benefit from the experience provided by officers from other countries. These exchanges offer partner services and the Coast Guard a better understanding of how each operates and is organized.

International Visitors

Foreign officials visit Coast Guard installations

Many foreign officials visit the United States and the Coast Guard every year. These visits range from courtesy calls on the **Commandant** to working level meetings addressing policy and operational issues.

These visits help build strong working relationships between the Coast Guard and counterpart organizations. The International Affairs Staff hosts visitors who come to headquarters, coordinates visits to field units, and provides background information on issues of concern to units hosting international guests.



An HU-25 Medium Range Surveillance aircraft



International Student on a familiarization flight.

USCG International Liaison Officers, Advisors and Attachés

BAHAMAS

Coast Guard Liaison
Operational Bahamas and Turks
and Caicos (OPBAT)
U.S. Embassy, Nassau

BARBADOS

Chief Military Liaison Officer
U.S. Embassy, Bridgetown
Barbados

CANADA

Exchange Pilots
Canadian Forces

COLOMBIA

Coast Guard Defense Attaché
U.S. Embassy, Bogota

COSTA RICA

Chief Office of Defense
Representative
U.S. Embassy San Jose

CUBA

Drug Interdiction Specialist
U.S. Interest Section
Swiss Embassy, Havana

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Coast Guard Defense Attaché
Military Liaison Officer
U.S. Embassy, Santo Domingo

ECUADOR

USCG Defense Attaché
U.S. Embassy, Quito

JAMAICA

Coast Guard Defense Attaché
U.S. Embassy Kingstown

JAPAN

Far East Activities
Marine Inspection Office
Yakota, Japan

HAITI

Chief Military Liaison Officer
Coast Guard Liaison
U.S. Embassy, Port-au-Prince

MEXICO

Coast Guard Defense Attaché
U.S. Embassy, Mexico City

NETHERLANDS

Activities Europe/
Marine Inspection Office
Rotterdam

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

International Maritime
Organization
Regional Consultant
Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles

NICARAGUA

USCG Defense Attaché
U.S. Embassy, Managua

PANAMA

U.S. Defense Attaché
Coast Guard Attaché
Panama Canal Authority Liaison
U.S. Embassy, Panama City

PUERTO RICO

Technical Assistance Field Team
(TAFT)

PERU

Riverine Program Coordinator
U.S. Embassy, Lima

SINGAPORE

Marine Inspection Detachment

SWEDEN

Associate Professor
World Maritime University
Malmo, Sweden

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Military Liaison Officer
U.S. Embassy, Port-of-Spain

UNITED KINGDOM

Exchange Pilots
Royal Navy
Royal Air Force

VENEZUELA

Coast Guard Defense Attaché
U.S. Embassy, Caracas



USCG Liaison Officers To U.S. Commander's-in-Chiefs and Component Commanders



USJFCOM

Coast Guard Liaison
Norfolk, Virginia



CENTCOM

Security Assistance Officer
Tampa, Florida



CINCPACFLT

Coast Guard Liaison Officer
Honolulu, HI



COMTHIRDFLT

Coast Guard Liaison
San Diego, CA



JCS

Coast Guard Liaison
Washington, DC



UNITED NATIONS

U.S. Missions to the United Nations
United Nations Headquarters
New York, New York

EUCOM

Security Assistance Officers
(2)
Vaihingen, Germany

PACOM

Coast Guard Liaison
Honolulu, Hawaii

SOUTHCOM

Security Assistance Officer
Coast Guard Liaison
Miami, Florida



COMNAVCENT

Maritime Liaison Officer
Maritime Advisor
Manama, Bahrain

COMNAVFOR KOREA

Coast Guard Liaison Officer
Seoul, South Korea

TRANSCOM

Coast Guard Liaison
Scott AFB, IL

COMNAVSOUTH

Coast Guard Liaison Officer
Roosevelt Roads
Puerto Rico



International Organizations

The **International Affairs Staff** coordinates and monitors Coast Guard involvement, including policy and position formulation, in several international organizations, including:

[International Maritime Organization \(IMO\)](#)
[International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#)
[International Labor Organization \(ILO\)](#)
[International Lifeboat Federation \(ILF\)](#)
[International Telecommunications Union \(ITU\)](#)
[International Association of Lighthouse Authorities \(IALA\)](#)

These organizations develop standards that substantially impact the world economy, maritime

community, and affect the Coast Guard in many mission areas. The Coast Guard works to ensure

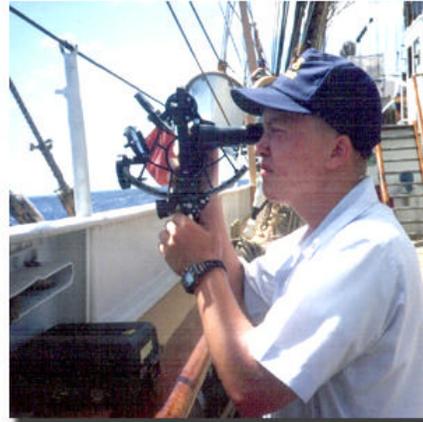
that the work done and the standards adopted by these organizations are compatible with United States goals and policies.

The **Department of State** has delegated responsibility to the Coast Guard for a large part of the United States' representation in the IMO. The Coast Guard leads the delegations to the **Assembly**, the **Maritime Safety Committee**, the **Marine Environment Protection Committee**, the **Legal Committee**, the **Facilitation Committee**, and to all technical subcommittees.

Technical Assistance



A Model Maritime Agency



A Cadet training on USCG Barque EAGLE

The experience of the Coast Guard in organizing, managing, training, and operating a multi-mission maritime service has been studied and often emulated by maritime services of other nations. Frequently, the Coast Guard is requested to assist other nations in enhancing or developing their maritime services.



U.S. Coast Guard High Endurance Cutter

The strengthening of other nations' maritime capabilities supports U.S. national security and foreign policy objectives by promoting cooperation and compliance with international laws, by encouraging harmonized standards throughout the world, and by promoting internationally recognized human rights. Assistance to other nations is provided in a variety of ways, ranging from complete design of a

coast guard service to answering operational questions about Coast Guard equipment or activities. Technical assistance is provided through expert analysis and counsel, equipment transfers, and training.

The Coast Guard developed a **Model Maritime Service Code** to identify the fundamental legal authority that a multi-mission, maritime service needs to function effectively. Training in this Model Code has been presented to over **20** countries. The Coast Guard will soon have an **International Maritime Operations Manual** to help new maritime services develop operational doctrines and procedures to exercise their legal authority.



Portable Pump repair training

International Training

Coast Guard international training helps many nations strengthen their maritime services. The Coast Guard provides training through the **U.S. Coast Guard Academy International Cadet Program**, leadership, management and technical training provided at **Coast Guard schools and operational units** in the United States and **Mobile Training Teams (MTTs)** in host countries. The Coast Guard receives reimbursement for this training.

Coast Guard Academy

Four-year education for select international students

The Coast Guard accepts a limited number of highly qualified international students to attend the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. Since 1971, over **80** cadets from **33** countries have grad-



Corps of Cadets on parade at the Coast Guard Academy

uated from the Academy. Academy graduates have served as heads of service and in other leadership positions around the world.

Resident Training

Foreign students attend U.S. Coast Guard speciality schools

Each year over **300** students from more than **75** countries attend over **400** courses of instruction at Coast Guard schools and receive on-the-job training at operational units. With more than **120** courses available, international students can learn technical, management and leadership skills in all U.S. Coast Guard mission areas, as well as observe and practice those skills in an operational environment. Among the institutions hosting international students are **Training Centers** located in Mobile, AL, Petaluma, CA and Yorktown, VA, as well as the **Leadership Development Center** in New London, CT. See pages 13 and 14 for countries that have sent students to USCG schools.

The Coast Guard also offers professional military education in a specialized course entitled the **International Maritime Officers Course (IMOC)**. It is only open to international students and is attended by mid-level officers from around the world.

Since the first convening class in March 1995, **362** students from **88** countries have graduated from this course. IMOC participants study the organization, planning, management and operation of a multi-mission maritime force. Presented in a seminar format with guest instructors and lecturers from the military, civilian, and academic communities, IMOC helps develop maritime service leaders who will hold positions of prominence and responsibility.

While attending IMOC, students participate in activities that expose them to many aspects of American society.

A growing area of emphasis throughout the world is crisis management. For this reason, the Coast Guard developed a course that was specifically designed for tackling the difficult issues involved in a major maritime crisis. The **Crisis Command and Control Course (International)** is designed to strengthen command and staff functions in the management of and response to emergency situations. This international-only course includes best practices learned through our own practical experience in disasters such as the Exxon Valdez in Alaska, TWA crash off Long Island, and several major hurricanes. Participants study Environmental Pollution Response and Control, SAR Coordination, Inter-agency Coordination - military, civilian, federal, state and NGO, best methods for handling public affairs in a high stress environment, risk management, and incident command system.

The course also covers exercise design and development as a core component in the process of development of a high state of organizational preparedness. Students work on a pre-designed hurricane scenario to develop and implement major objectives, supporting objectives, major sequence of events, exercise data collection and analysis.



IMOC class graduation

Mobile Training Teams

USCG specialists traveling to other countries

Each year Coast Guard training and technical assistance teams train approximately **2,500** international students in approximately **60** countries. Training is available in all Coast Guard mission areas and is tailored to host nation needs. The Coast Guard can deliver a complete package of training to small groups, multi-agency audiences, or several nations in a regional forum. Instructors often utilize lesson plans in the host nation's language for infusion into the host nation's training program.

The **Coast Guard International Training and Technical Assistance Division (ITD)** located at **Training Center Yorktown, Virginia** is the backbone of the Coast Guard's effort to provide training worldwide. Working with the International Affairs Staff, the ITD provides training and consulting services in maritime law enforcement, marine safety/environmental protection, small boat operation and maintenance, search and rescue, and infrastructure development for countries with waterway law enforcement programs. ITD personnel receive training in counter-terrorism, force protection, survival skills, and advanced training in their specialty fields. They are cross-trained in several Coast Guard missions. In addition, many ITD personnel are sent to Spanish language immersion training before deploying abroad. See pages 13 and 14 for countries which have received USCG MTTs.

As of 2002, the Coast Guard had long-term infrastructure development training in **Antigua, Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Georgia, Panama, and Peru.**

Since 1985, the Coast Guard has provided a three-person **Technical Assistance Field Team (TAFT)** to supply engineering and logistical support for



National flags of students graduating from Training Center Yorktown, VA

seven Eastern Caribbean island nations. The TAFT is based in Puerto Rico and is funded by DOD's Security Assistance Program.

Caribbean Support Tender (CST)

The Sea Borne Dimension of the U.S. International Engagement Strategy

The CST, **USCG Cutter GENTIAN**, is a 180 ft buoy tender converted into a mobile training facility that provides programs in maritime law enforcement, search and rescue, and vessel operation to many Caribbean region nations. The GENTIAN crew is augmented by many full time professionals from Caribbean, Central, and South American nations per a number of formal agreements. The CST has workshops, tools, spare parts, and technicians to carry out vessel maintenance and deliver the "total support package" of training, logistics, and maintenance.

Supported in part by **Commander, U.S. Southern Command**, and the **Department of State**, the CST improves the capability of Caribbean nations to operate excess U.S. Coast Guard equipment, provide for their own security and safety, and deter the trafficking of drugs, weapons and migrants in the region.



Law Enforcement Training, Use of Force



USCGC Gentian

Foreign Military Sales and Excess Defense Article Transfers

The Coast Guard helps to provide other countries with equipment for their maritime missions through the **Foreign Military Sales** portion of the **Security Assistance** program. As the Coast Guard replaces its ship and boat inventory, it releases assets for sale/transfer to other countries.

The **International Affairs Staff** acts as a facilitator in the transfer of Coast Guard excess defense articles.

The Coast Guard **Foreign Military Sales (FMS)** program helps many nations strengthen their maritime services by providing equipment and support services. The Coast Guard provides both excess and new-construction vessels to clients selected by the United States government. In addition to cutters and boats, the Coast Guard provides clients with access to the most modern Search and Rescue planning tools and equipment. The Coast Guard provides industrial overhaul of aircraft and shipboard components. The Coast Guard receives full reimbursement for these articles and services.

Since 1997, the Coast Guard has transferred over



Delivery of 44' MLB to Guyana

83 vessels to more than **20** countries and has plans to transfer an additional **45** vessels by 2004. Over **850** crewmembers from foreign maritime services have received technical and operational training during the transfer of these vessels. Transfer programs also include logistics and technical support to ensure continued operation of the vessels.

The Coast Guard **DEEPWATER** program will offer significant FMS opportunities in the future. Clients will be able to obtain new-construction vessels and aircraft as well as existing legacy platforms that are made excess by USCG acquisition of new systems.



Ex CGC BITTERSWEET, now in service with the Estonian Coast Guard



Transfer ceremony of a 82' class Coast Guard cutter to Turkmenistan

Foreign Military Sales to these countries since 1997:

Antigua	Saudi Arabia
El Salvador	Uruguay
Jamaica	Costa Rica
Tunisia	Ghana
Estonia	Seychelles
Argentina	Venezuela
Panama	Dominican Republic
Turkmenistan	Guyana
Chile	St Lucia
Philippines	Ecuador
United Kingdom	Honduras
Colombia	Trinidad & Tobago
Georgia	France



44' MLB in service with the Chilean Navy



Delivery of a U.S. Coast Guard Point Class cutter to the Phillipine Navy

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

¹ Countries that have sent students to USCG Schools

² Countries that have hosted USCG Mobile Training Teams

³ Countries that have hosted USCG Mobile Training Teams and sent students to USCG Schools

Albania³

Algeria³

Afghanistan¹

Antigua & Barbuda³

Argentina³

Aruba²

Australia³

Bahamas³

Bahrain³

Bangladesh³

Barbados³

Belize³

Benin³

Bermuda³

Bolivia³

Botswana¹

Brazil³

British Virgin Islands¹

Brunei¹

Bulgaria³

Cambodia¹

Cameroon³

Canada¹

Cape Verde³

Cayman Islands³

Chile³

China¹

Colombia³

Comoros¹

Costa Rica³

Cote D'Ivoire³

Croatia³

Cyprus³

Denmark¹

Devon¹

Djibouti¹

Dominica³

Dominican Republic³

Ecuador³

Egypt¹

El Salvador³

Equatorial Guinea¹

Eritrea³

Estonia³

Fiji³

Finland¹

France¹

French Guiana²

Gabon²

Gambia¹

Georgia³

Germany¹

Ghana¹

Greece³

Grenada³

Guadeloupe³

Guatemala³

Guinea³

Guinea-Bissau³

Guyana³

Haiti³

Honduras³

Hong Kong³

Hungary³

Iceland³

India³

Indonesia³

Ireland¹

Israel¹

Italy¹

Jamaica³

Japan³

Jordan³

Kazakhstan³

Kenya³

Korea (South)¹

Kuwait³

Latvia³

Lebanon³

Liberia³

Lithuania³

Macedonia³

Madagascar³

Malawi¹

Malaysia³

Maldives¹

Malta³

Marshall Islands³

Martinique³

Mauritania³



Mauritius³
Mexico³
Micronesia³
Montserrat¹
Morocco³
Mozambique³

Namibia³
Netherlands¹
Netherlands Antilles³
New Zealand¹
Nicaragua³
Nigeria³
Norway³

Oman³

Pakistan²
Palau³
Panama³
Papua-New Guinea³
Peru³
Philippines³
Pohn pei¹
Poland³
Port Sudan¹
Portugal³

Qatar²

Romania³
Russia³

Samoa¹
Sao Tome and Principe¹
Saudi Arabia¹
Senegal³
Seychelles³
Solomon Islands³
South Africa¹
Spain²
Sierra Leone³
Singapore¹
Slovenia¹
Sri Lanka¹
St. Kitts³
St. Lucia³
St. Vincent³
Sudan¹
Suriname³
Sweden¹
Switzerland¹
Syria¹

Taiwan¹
Tanzania³
Thailand³
Tonga¹
Trinidad & Tobago³
Tunisia³
Turkey³
Turkmenistan³
Tuvalu²

Uganda¹
Ukraine³
United Arab Emirates³
United Kingdom¹
Uruguay³
Uzbekistan³

Vanuatu³
Venezuela³

Western Samoa³

Yemen³
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State Department Country Background Notes <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/bgn/>
Country Maps <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/index.html>
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