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**U.S. COAST GUARD ACTIVITIES/MARINE INSPECTION OFFICE EUROPE  
CHANGE OF COMMAND**

**ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands** - A change of command ceremony was held on June 24, 2004 for the commanding officer of USCG Activities/Marine Inspection Office Europe. The event took place at the unit's offices in Capelle aan den IJssel.

During the change of command ceremony, Commanding Officer CAPT Francis J. Sturm was relieved by CAPT Michael P. Rand. The ceremony's presiding official was the Commander of the First Coast Guard District, Rear Admiral David P. Pekoske.

CAPT Sturm's next assignment will be as Chief, Office of Port, Vessel and Facility Security at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC.

CAPT Rand, with 26 years of active duty service, reported aboard from Coast Guard Headquarters where he was Chief of the Vessel and Facility Security Team that developed and published the regulations and policies to implement the Maritime Transportation and Security Act of 2002.

USCG Activities/Marine Inspection Office Europe is responsible for carrying out a variety of maritime safety, security and environmental protection missions, including attending the U.S. flag commercial fleet throughout a region encompassing Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Along with vessel inspections, the staff also conducts marine casualty investigations, international port security outreach, and other international mission activities.

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