



Rear Admiral Charles D. Michel
Deputy Commander, Coast Guard
Atlantic Area



U.S. Coast Guard

Rear Admiral Charles Michel assumed the duties of Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area in July 2013. As Deputy Commander, he is responsible for all U.S. Coast Guard missions within a geographic region that spans the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf, and encompasses five Coast Guard Districts and 40 states. His previous flag officer tours included Director, Joint Interagency Task Force South, Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and Director for Governmental and Public Affairs, U.S Coast Guard.

A native of Brandon, Florida, he graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in marine engineering (with high honors) in 1985. In 1992, he graduated summa cum laude from the University Of Miami School Of Law as the salutatorian, receiving membership in the Order of the Coif.



Tours of duty afloat included serving as Commanding Officer, USCGC RESOLUTE, as Executive Officer, USCGC DAUNTLESS, as Commanding Officer, USCGC CAPE CURRENT, and as Deck Watch Officer, USCGC DECISIVE. Rear Admiral Michel also served as Chief of the Office of Maritime and International Law, Washington, DC; Staff Attorney, Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, Louisiana; head of the Operations Division, Office of Maritime and International Law, Washington, DC; and as Legislative Counsel for the Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs, Washington, DC.

Rear Admiral Michel's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Coast Guard Letter of Commendation Ribbon. Rear Admiral Michel was also awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the Colombian Navy. Rear Admiral Michel was the American Bar Association Young Lawyer of the Year for the Coast Guard in 1995, the Judge Advocate's Association Career Armed Services Attorney of the Year for the Coast Guard in 2000, and is currently a member of the Florida Bar.