

E-PME  *Enlisted*
PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

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Learning Objective(s): **Explain** the relationship and mission links between the Coast Guard and other Department of Homeland Security (DHS) agencies and Department of Defense (DOD) services.

Why You Need to Know This

Throughout your Coast Guard career, you will have opportunities to work with or train with members of other or Department of Defense (DOD) service agencies, ranging from the U.S. Navy to Customs and Border Protection. Consequently, it is important to understand the relationship and linkage between the Coast Guard and fellow DHS agencies as well as the Department of Defense.

Learning Objectives Covered

This section will cover the following topics:

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- Coast Guard Chain of Command
- Coast Guard's Role in DHS
- Coast Guard's Relationship with DOD
- Rank Insignia of DOD

At the end of this lesson you will be required to participate in a learning activity. You are encouraged to first review the learning activity and the sign off requirements located in the “**You and Your Supervisor**” section of this lesson. Reviewing this information before you begin the lesson will allow you to take proper notes and focus on key learning points.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)



The Homeland Security Act of 2002 was signed into law on November 25, 2002 resulting in the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The DHS has been assigned seven statutory missions. These missions focus largely on preventing, responding to, or recovering from terrorist attacks on the United States. In addition, the DHS is also charged with executing a wide array of activities essential to the safety and security of our citizens. Thus, one mission is to carry out all functions of agencies transferred to the Department. This includes acting as a focal point regarding natural and manmade crises and emergency planning.

The DHS is comprised of seven major divisions or directorates and various critical agencies. The major divisions include:

- Transportation Security Administration
- U.S. Customs and Board Protection
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- U.S. Immigration enforcement
- U.S. Secret Service
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- U.S. Coast Guard

Chain of Command

On March 1, 2003, the Coast Guard transferred from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to the DHS. This move realigned the Coast Guard's chain of command. As a result, the Commandant of the Coast Guard reports directly to the Secretary of Homeland Security who in turn reports directly to the President of the United States.

U.S. Armed Forces

The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five branches of the U.S. Armed Services. The other branches include the:

- U.S. Navy
 - U.S. Marine Corps
 - U.S. Army
 - U.S. Air Force
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**Coast Guard's
Role in DHS**

The Coast Guard directly supports all DHS missions. It provides DHS the broad authorities, capabilities, and partnerships necessary to accomplish its tasks in the maritime domain.

As the nation's "*maritime first responder*", the Coast Guard serves as a crucial and responsive element of the DHS. The Coast Guard responds to a wide variety of maritime incidents involving mariners, such as vessels in distress, vessel groundings, and other maritime casualties to name a few. Additionally, the Coast Guard works with many sister DHS components to carry out a wide array of missions such as:

- Responding to oil and hazardous materials spills
- Assisting victims during natural disasters such as hurricanes and floods
- Border protection
- Conducting safety inspections on all commercial vessels

**Coast Guard's
Relationship With
DOD**

The Coast Guard has served alongside every branch of the armed services to defend our nation since the Quasi-War with France in 1798, and this relationship continues today.

As a critical component of the U.S. National Fleet, the Coast Guard maintains a high state of readiness to operate as a specialized service alongside the Navy and Marine Corps. The close relationship among the other services has evolved over two centuries of cooperation.

In May of 2008 this relationship was captured in an agreement between the Secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security which formalized the use of Coast Guard components and resources in support of the National Military Strategy and other national-level defense and security strategies. These capabilities include:

- Maritime interception and interdiction
 - Military environmental response
 - Port operations, security, and defense
 - Theater security cooperation
 - Coastal sea control
 - Rotary wing air intercept
 - Combating terrorism
 - Maritime Operational Threat Response support
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U.S. Armed Forces Uniform Insignia

The insignia of the enlisted and officer grades in the U.S. Armed Forces. These service insignia of the U.S. Uniformed Services can be found on the following pages

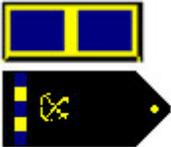
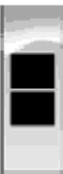
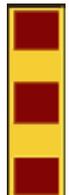
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E1				
E2	 Private (PV2)	 Seaman Apprentice (red stripes denote a Fireman Apprentice FA)	 Private First Class (PFC)	 Airman (Amm)
E3	 Private First Class (PFC)	 Seaman (SN) (red stripes denote a fireman FN, green stripes denote an airman AN)	 Lance Corporal (LCpl)	 Airman First Class (A1C)
E4	 Corporal (CPL)  Specialist (SPC)	 Petty Officer Third Class (PO3)	 Corporal (Cpl)	 Senior Airman (SrA)

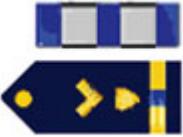
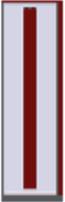
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E5	 Sergeant (SGT)	 Petty Officer Second Class (PO2)	 Sergeant (Sgt)	 Staff Sergeant (SSgt)
E6	 Staff Sergeant (SSG)	 Petty Officer First Class (PO1)	 Staff Sergeant (SSgt)	 Technical Sergeant (TSgt)
E7	 Sergeant First Class (SFC)	 U.S.C.G Chief Petty Officer  Chief Petty Officer (CPO)	 Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt)	 Master Sergeant (MSgt)  First Sergeant

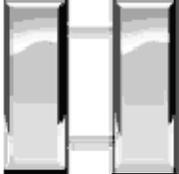
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E8	<div style="text-align: center;">  Master Sergeant (MSG) </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  First Sergeant (1SG) </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">  U.S.C.G Senior Chief Petty Officer </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  Senior Chief Petty Officer </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">  Master Sergeant (MSgt) </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  First Sergeant </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">  Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt) </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  First Sergeant </div>

Enlisted Rates and Pay Grades	ARMY	NAVY / COAST GUARD	MARINE CORPS	AIR FORCE
E9	 Sergeant Major (SGM)  Command Sergeant Major (CSM)	 U.S.C.G. Command Master Chief Petty Officer  Master Chief Petty Officer  Navy Fleet / Command Master Chief Petty Officer	 Sergeant Major (SgMaj)  Master Gunnery Sergeant (MGySgt)	 Chief Master Sergeant (CMS)  First Sergeant  Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCMS)

Enlisted Rates and Pay Grades	ARMY	NAVY / COAST GUARD	MARINE CORPS	AIR FORCE
<p>E9 special</p>	 <p>Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA)</p>	 <p>Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard (MCPOCG)</p>  <p>Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)</p>	 <p>Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (SgtMajMC)</p>	 <p>Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (CMSAF)</p>

Warrant Officers	ARMY	NAVY / COAST GUARD	MARINES	AIR FORCE
<p>W-1</p>	 <p>Warrant Officer 1 (WO1)</p>	 <p>USN Warrant Officer 1 - (WO1)</p>	 <p>Warrant Officer 1 (CWO)</p>	<p>NONE</p>
<p>W-2</p>	 <p>Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CW2)</p>	 <p>USCG Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CWO2)</p>  <p>USN Chief Warrant Officer 2- (CWO2)</p>	 <p>Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CWO2)</p>	<p>NONE</p>
<p>W-3</p>	 <p>Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CW3)</p>	 <p>U.S.C.G. Chief Warrant Officer -</p>  <p>USN Chief Warrant Officer 3 - (CWO3) 3</p>	 <p>Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CWO2)</p>	<p>NONE</p>

Warrant Officers	ARMY	NAVY/COAST GUARD	MARINE CORPS	AIR FORCE
<p>W-4</p>	 <p>Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4)</p>	 <p>U.S.C.G. Chief Warrant Officer 4</p>  <p>USN Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CWO4)</p>	 <p>Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CWO4)</p>	<p>NONE</p>
<p>W-5</p>	 <p>Chief Warrant Officer 5 (CW5)</p>	 <p>USN Chief Warrant Officer 5 (CW5)</p>	 <p>Chief Warrant Officer 5 (CW05)</p>	<p>NONE</p>

Officer	ARMY	NAVY / COAST GUARD	MARINE CORPS	AIR FORCE
O-1	 2nd Lieutenant (2 LT)	 Ensign (ENS)	 2nd Lieutenant (2nd Lt.)	 2nd Lieutenant (2nd Lt.)
O-2	 1st Lieutenant (1 LT)	 Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG)	 1st Lieutenant (1st Lt.)	 1st Lieutenant (1st Lt.)
O-3	 Capitan (CPT)	 Lieutenant (LT)	 Capitan (Capt.)	 Capitan (Capt.)

Officer	ARMY	NAVY / COAST GUARD	MARINE CORPS	AIR FORCE
O-4	 Major (MAJ)	 Lieutenant Commander (LCDR)	 Major (Maj)	 Major (Maj)
O-5	 Lieutenant Colonel (LTC)	 Commander (CDR)	 Lieutenant Colonel Lt. Col.	 Lieutenant Colonel Lt. Col.
O-6	 Colonel (COL)	 Capitan (CAPT)	 Colonel (Col.)	 Colonel (Col.)

Officer	ARMY	NAVY / COAST GUARD	MARINE CORPS	AIR FORCE
O-7	 Brigadier General (BG)	 Rear Admiral Lower Half RADM (LH)	 Brigadier General (Brig. Gen.)	 Brigadier General (Brig. Gen.)
O-8	 Major General (MG)	 Rear Admiral Upper Half RADM (UH)	 Major General (Maj. Gen.)	 Major General (Maj. Gen.)
O-9	 Lieutenant General (LG)	 Vice Admiral (VADM)	 Lieutenant General (Lt. Gen.)	 Lieutenant General (Lt. Gen.)

Officer	ARMY	NAVY / COAST GUARD	MARINE CORPS	AIR FORCE
<p>O-10</p>	 <p>General GEN</p> <p>Army Chief of Staff</p>	   <p>Admiral ADM</p> <p>Commandant of the Coast Guard</p> <p>And</p> <p>Chief of Naval Operations</p>	 <p>General Gen</p> <p>Commandant of the Marine Corps</p>	 <p>General Gen</p> <p>Air Force Chief of Staff</p>
	 <p>General of the Army (Reserved for wartime only)</p>	 <p>Fleet Admiral (Reserved for wartime only)</p>		 <p>General of the Air Force (Reserved for wartime only)</p>

Learning Activity



To successfully complete this requirement you will need to explain the relationship and mission links between the Coast Guard and other DHS and DOD agencies by performing the following activities:

1. Explain to your supervisor the chain of command from the Commandant to the President
2. Discuss with your supervisor at least three mission links between the Coast Guard and other DHS and or DOD agencies

For You and Your Supervisor

In order to meet the sign-off requirement for this lesson **YOU** must perform the following:

1. Prior to meeting with your supervisor review the contents of this lesson and organize your thoughts.
2. Present/discuss your chosen topic.

Before signing off on this requirement your **SUPERVISOR** must:

1. Make sure the member knows the chain of command between the Commandant and the president and can provide at least three mission links between the Coast Guard and other DHS and/or DOD agencies
2. Provide the member with corrective feedback and answer any questions they may have related to this topic.
3. Sign-off the check-off sheet on the Record of Enlisted Professional Military Education (E-PME) Performance Requirements.

References

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