

E-PME  *Enlisted*
PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

Commandant's Direction 1-7.01-K

COMPREHEND the current Coast Guard Commandant's Direction as presented in the E-PME Study Guide.

Commandant's Vision

“We are defined by our Missions, People and Heritage. We will selflessly serve our Country and perform our duties in a manner that secures the trust and confidence of mariners and citizens alike. We will set a course that steadies the Service, honors our profession, strengthens our partnerships, and respects our Shipmates.”

Commandant's Direction

Shipmates,

We are defined by our Missions, our People, and our Heritage. Your dedication to our missions keeps our Nation safe and secure. Coast Guard men and women - Active Duty, Reserve, Civilian and Auxiliary - get the job done in the most demanding environments. And you continue to enrich our heritage with countless inspiring actions to save lives, enforce laws, protect citizens, and keep waterways clean.

From our maritime borders and littorals; through the Great Lakes, Polar regions, and the Arabian Gulf; to the U. S. Exclusive Economic Zone, territorial waters, and our many ports and inland waterways; your performance has been superb, and for me, a source of pride. You have earned our Nation's trust as the lead federal agency for Maritime Safety, Security and Stewardship. Demand for the Coast Guard's unique capabilities has never been higher. As we have for over 220 years, we will remain ready to meet the Nation's many maritime needs. We will always fulfill our duties and obligations to the American people, true to “Semper Paratus, Always Ready.”

This Direction is my trackline for the way forward. It takes a fix on our fundamental and enduring roles and value; it keeps a weather eye on the future operating environment for which we must prepare; and it sets the course with my Principles, Priorities and Objectives.

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Direction
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2010 was a historic year of extraordinary events and accomplishments. Our Nation is safer and more secure as a result of your actions. Because of each of you, we can state with conviction: There is no better place, and no better way to make a difference, than service in the United States Coast Guard.

So whenever asked who I am and what I do, I will reply with pride, "I am a Coast Guardsman. We are the men and women of the United States Coast Guard."

Semper Paratus!

**Commandant's
Guiding Principles**

My Guiding Principles provide focus to be ready today... *and* prepared for tomorrow. I charge every Coast Guard member, military and civilian, to use these Principles as guideposts as they implement my Priorities and Objectives.

Steady the Service

We must bolster the fundamentals that underlie our readiness. Doctrine, training, resourcing, and policies must catch up to current mission demand and organizational structures. We must renew capabilities and capacity to meet our missions, and maintain balance among priorities. We must complete planned organizational changes. We will carefully weigh the costs and benefits of new initiatives, only proceeding with a clear trackline and destination.

Honor Our Profession

We are a military service; we are a maritime service. We perform vital, dangerous work which demands superior expertise, accountability, pride and experience, built on a foundation of clear doctrine and training. I expect our leaders to be knowledgeable in domestic and global maritime affairs while maintaining a focus on our attributes as a military service. We honor professional competence and excellence.

Strengthen Our Partnerships

We are unique in our ability to bring together local, state, federal, military, tribal, and private sector agencies, maritime industry and non-governmental organizations to advance mutual interests and enhance effectiveness. From Alaska to Guam and American Samoa; from New York to the Western Rivers and the Caribbean Basin; and around the world, our partnerships are force multipliers.

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Respect Our Shipmates

We must keep faith with our Active, Reserve, Civilian, and Auxiliary shipmates and their families. I am committed to a climate which values, cares for and respects every member of the Coast Guard, including past members. We will focus on leadership, diversity, and positive command climate as a system. We will be a profession of choice for all Americans. We will provide a rewarding, safe, collaborative and productive work environment
