

**Headquarters 2-7.01-K**

COMPREHEND the Headquarters organizational structure, including sub-units, as presented in the E-PME Study Guide.

***Headquarters***

Coast Guard Headquarters, located in Washington, DC, is the administrative and operational command and control center for the Coast Guard.

The senior officer at headquarters and of the Coast Guard is the Commandant.

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***Coast Guard  
Commandant***

The Commandant, a four-star admiral, plans, supervises, and coordinates the overall activities of the Coast Guard.

The Commandant directs the policy and administration of the Coast Guard under the general supervision of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

The Commandant provides immediate direction to Headquarters Units, although he is not actually the Commanding Officer of Headquarters.

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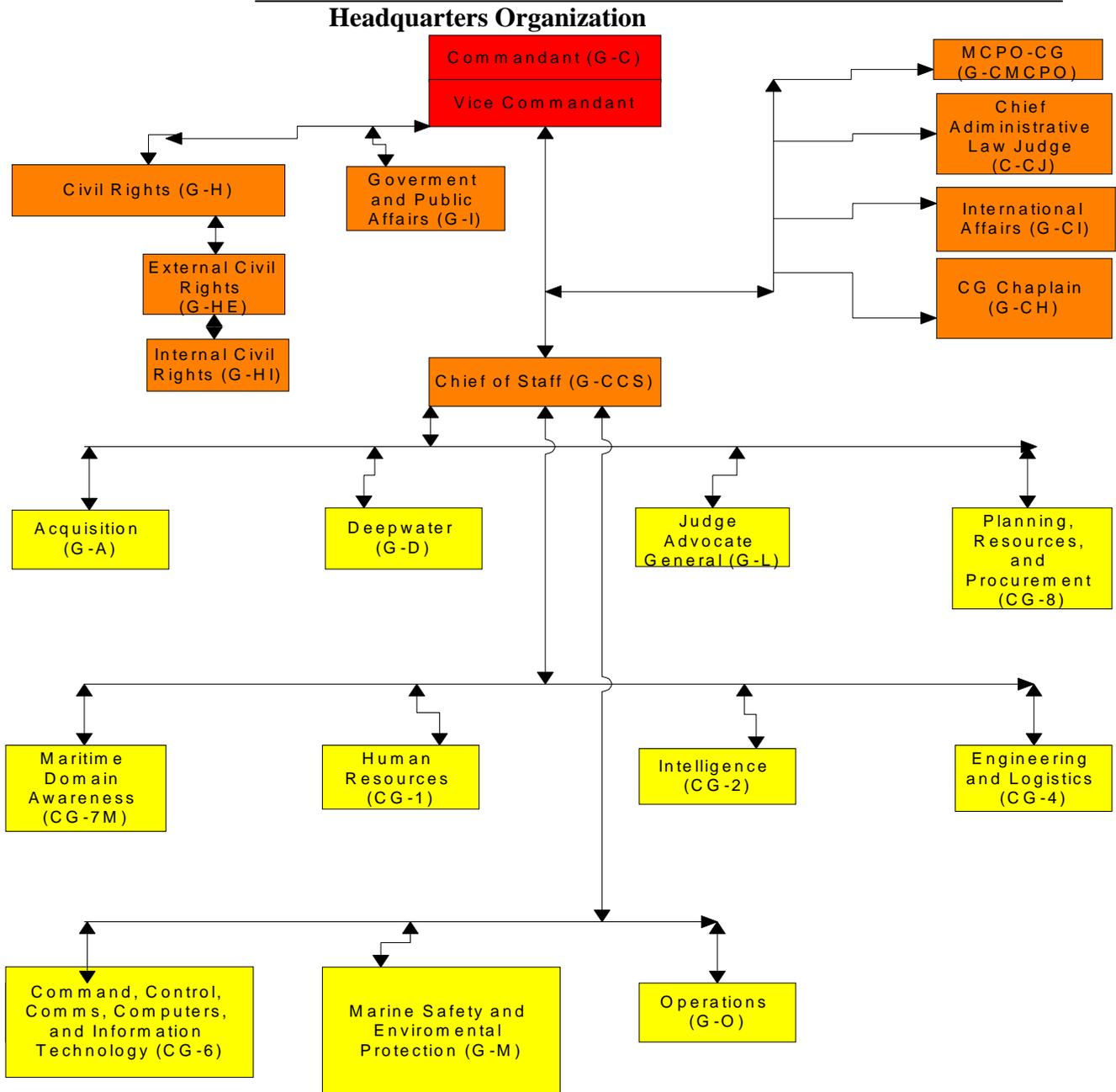
***Responsibilities of  
the Commandant***

The Commandant:

- Prescribes broad policies for the government of the service and generally directs, supervises, and coordinates service endeavors and performance.
- Guides legislative programs and required compliance with the statutory obligations of the service and the requirements imposed upon it.
- Serves as the principal advisor to the Secretary regarding service matters.
- Establishes and maintains effective relationships with other agencies of the Federal government and with the public in general.

**Responsibilities of the Commandant (continued)**

- Serves on interdepartmental and international bodies concerned with other matters in which the Department and Coast Guard have a substantial interest.
- Keeps informed of the approved policies and programs of the Secretary at all times in order to insure Departmental uniformity of decision and continuity of action.



There are 15 major Headquarters directorates who report to the Commandant. (*Headquarters Directorates are denoted by yellow boxes*) In addition to the directorates there are several offices that report directly to the Commandant.

***Office of Planning,  
Resources, and  
Procurement (CG-8)***

The Planning, Resources, and Procurement Directorate has responsibility to direct resource management activities of the Coast Guard relating to finance and procurement.

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***Office of Acquisition  
(G-A)***

The Acquisition Directorate delivers systems, products, and services insuring that the Coast Guard has best means to accomplish their missions.

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***Office of  
Engineering  
Logistics and  
Development (CG-4)***

The Chief, Office of Engineering, Logistics, and Development has responsibility for providing Technical, Logistics, and Engineering Services in support of all Coast Guard programs.

- Develops and tests emerging technologies
  - Provides engineering, logistics support and performs or assists in the planning, design, construction, acquisition, renovation, maintenance, outfitting and alteration of cutters, boats, aircraft, motor vehicles, aids to navigation, and shore facilities
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***Maritime Domain  
Awareness (CG-7M)***

The Office of Maritime Domain Awareness was developed in response to the establishment and Implementation of the United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM). The Office of Maritime Domain Awareness is responsible for creating policy and oversight of Coast Guard missions relating to Response to a domestic incident, tracking potential man-made and natural threats to national security or safety, and the deployment of assets to support homeland defense and civil support operations.

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***Judge Advocate  
General (G-L)***

The Coast Guard legal program delivers high-quality legal advice and support to the people who carry out the varied functions of the Coast Guard to ensure their missions, operations, and activities can be achieved within the spirit, as well as the letter, of the law.

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***Office of Marine  
Safety, Security, and  
Environmental  
Protection (G-M)***

The mission of the Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection Program is to protect, through the prevention and mitigation of maritime incidents, the:

- Public
  - Environment
  - U.S. economic interests
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***Office of Operations  
(G-O)***

The Chief, Office of Law Enforcement and Defense Operations (G-O) has responsibility for Coast Guard operations involving:

- Enforcement of laws and treaties
- Defense operations
- Intelligence
- Investigations
- Security

The Chief is also responsible for the management of all Coast Guard aircraft and cutters (less buoy tenders and icebreakers).

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***Office of Human  
Resources (CG-1)***

The Chief, Office of Personnel and Training (G-P) has responsibility for providing personnel services to include:

- Accessions, training, promotions, and assignments
  - Maintenance of accounts and disbursement of accounts related to pay, travel, separation of personnel
  - Provision of morale services
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***Office of Intelligence  
(CG-2)***

The office of Intelligence Directorate is to direct, coordinate, and oversee intelligence and investigative operations and activities that support:

- All Coast Guard mission objectives
  - The National Strategy for Homeland Security
  - Applicable National Security objectives
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***Office of Command  
Control &  
Communications  
(CG-6)***

The Office of Command, Control, Communications, and Information Technology is responsible for creating policy and oversight of Coast Guard communications, computers, and information technology.

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***Deepwater Program  
Executive Office.  
(G-D)***

The Deepwater Program Executive Office was established to oversee the acquisition of ships, and aircraft. The Deepwater Program Executive Office is responsible for the integration of systems of ships, aircraft, Command, Control, Communication, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance systems, and logistics assets that will accomplish Coast Guard Missions in the 21st century.

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***Office of the Master  
Chief Petty Officer of  
the Coast Guard  
(G-CMCPO)***

In addition to the directorates, there are several offices. One important office is the Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.

The Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO) of the Coast Guard reports directly to the Commandant on all matters pertaining to the well-being of Coast Guard personnel.

The MCPO serves as program manager for Commandant designated Command Master Chiefs and co-program manager for enlisted professional and career development with the Director of Reserve and Training (CG-13).

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