



U.S. Coast Guard

Junior Reserve Officers'
Training Corps

(CGJROTC)

Developing service-minded citizens of character



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JROTC History & Context

- 1916** – National Defense Act – established the Army JROTC program.
- 1964** – ROTC Vitalization Act – expanded JROTC to Navy, Marine Corps, & Air Force.
- 1989** – CGJROTC was originally authorized as a single “pilot program” in Miami, FL. In 2006, a second “pilot program” was authorized in Camden, NC.
- 2019** – National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2020 – authorized a comprehensive Coast Guard JROTC program (14 USC 320).
- 2021** – The Coast Guard established its first two units of the “new program era” in SC and FL.
- 2022** – NDAA 2023 – mandated at least 1 CGJROTC unit be established in every CG District before Dec 31, 2025.
- 2025** – The USCG has a total of 16 units, spanning all 9 CG Districts, with approximately 1300 cadets enrolled program-wide.
- 2026** – Per NDAA 2026, the USCG will expand its program size to at least 20 CGJROTC units.



JROTC History & Context

Today, there are **3,400+** JROTC units with more than **500,000 cadets** operating in every state & around the world.

Approximate number of JROTC units by service:

- Army – **1753**
- Air Force – **815**
 - Space Force – **10**
- Navy – **580**
- Marine Corps – **248**
- Coast Guard – **16**

NDAA 2026 authorizes 3,600 to 4,200 total units by 1 Oct 2027.





CGJROTC National Snapshot

➤ School Year 2024-2025:

- ✓ Grew from 10→14 units
- ✓ 25 instructors
- ✓ 1185 cadets
- ✓ 4600+ hours of community service
- ✓ 240+ cadets in leadership roles

➤ Graduate next steps:

- ✓ 27% of seniors taking a military pathway
- ✓ 10% of seniors affiliating w/ CG
- ✓ 100% graduation rate



CGJROTC – National Snapshot



NDAA 2026:
 ✓ Beginning Dec 31, 2026, the CG shall maintain not fewer than 20 JROTC units.

Marshfield High School (2025)
 Coos Bay, OR
 OPS WEST

Mission Bay High School (2023)
 San Diego, CA
 OPS WEST

Kodiak High School (2025)
 Kodiak, AK
 OPS WEST

Applying Schools:
 ✓ 500+ enrollment
 ✓ No other JROTC
 ✓ Facilities / Desire

Kalani High School (2024)
 Honolulu, HI
 OPS WEST

Clinton High School (2023)
 Clinton, MS
 OPS WEST

Saraland High School (2023)
 Saraland, AL
 OPS WEST

Aspira Business & Finance High School (2023)
 Chicago, IL
 OPS WEST

Veterans Memorial High School (2024)
 Corpus Christi, TX
 OPS WEST

Barnstable High School (2024)
 Barnstable, MA
 OPS EAST

Sussex Technical High School (2022)
 Georgetown, DE
 OPS EAST

Camden County High School (2010)
 Camden, NC
 OPS EAST

Topsail High School (2022)
 Hampstead, NC
 OPS EAST

Lucy Beckham High School (2021)
 Mount Pleasant, SC
 OPS EAST

Innovation High School (2024)
 Orlando, FL
 OPS EAST

MAST Academy (1992)
 Miami, FL
 OPS EAST

Pinellas Park High School (2021)
 Largo, FL
 OPS EAST



Program Mission & Goals

The **mission** of CGJROTC is “*developing service-minded citizens of character*”.

To accomplish the mission, **CGJROTC** develops cadets on the **COAST**.

The acronym **COAST** encapsulates the five pillars of **Citizenship, Operations, Advancement, Service, and Teamwork** that guide and reinforce the learning that takes place inside and outside of the classroom.

The five pillars of **COAST** correspond with our **five program goals**:

- ✓ Building character and values
- ✓ Learning about government and military operations from history to present day
- ✓ Preparing for a successful career
- ✓ Honoring community and country
- ✓ Learning to lead self, to lead others, and to be a positive and productive team member

CGJROTC is a strategic investment in our future citizens and leaders with near and long-term benefits for the Service and society.





USCG Responsibilities

- **The Coast Guard JROTC Program will:**
 - ✓ **Screen, approve, & certify instructors**
 - ❖ Staffing: 1 CG Officer & 1 CG Enlisted member instructing at each unit.
 - ❖ Instructors can be either retirees, selected reservists, or “qualified veterans” with 8+ years of service.
 - ❖ Retirees and veterans must have separated honorably within the last 5 years.
 - ✓ **Provide advice/support to instructors & school leaders**
 - ✓ **Pay operating costs to include:**
 - ❖ Uniforms & equipment
 - ❖ Maritime Science curriculum & related supplies
 - ❖ Reimbursement to the school district for ½ of the minimum instructor pay
 - ❖ Reimbursement for some travel expenses
 - ✓ **Establish standards for unit operations and performance**
 - ❖ Annual Unit Inspection (AUI) – a CGJROTC HQ member will conduct a formal assessment of each unit every year





School Responsibilities

➤ The Host School will:

- ✓ Adhere to CGJROTC policies & procedures
- ✓ Grant academic credit toward graduation
- ✓ Provide & maintain classroom, office, drill & storage facilities
- ✓ Hire CG-certified instructors
- ✓ Ensure instructors teach provided curriculum
 - ❖ Instructors participate in collateral duties & are evaluated like other faculty members
- ✓ Pay instructor salaries & receive reimbursement for Coast Guard-required portion through School District
- ✓ Maintain minimum required enrollment
 - ❖ New schools have until fall of 3rd year to attain minimum enrollment (50 cadets or 10% of school, whichever is less)
- ✓ Host a new-unit establishment ceremony



Overview of the 4-year Maritime Science Curriculum



Maritime Science 1

- Introduction to CGJROTC
- Customs & Courtesies
- Leadership/Followership Fundamentals
- Citizenship & American Government
- Wellness and Fitness
- Military Drill

Maritime Science 2

- Intermediate Leadership Skills
- U.S. Coast Guard History
- American Maritime History
- Personal Finance

Maritime Science 3

- Advanced Leadership Skills
- Coast Guard Operations
- Coast Guard Support Functions
- Coast Guard Search and Rescue
- College and Career Readiness

Maritime Science 4

- Expert Leadership Skills and Ethics
- Maritime Knowledge
- Military Law
- Insurance and Financial Planning



Instructor Certification

- ❖ Individuals desiring Instructor Certification should email the CGJROTC Instructor Manager, LT Laura Garofalo at: Laura.E.Garofalo@uscg.mil.
- ❖ Certification is a 2-part process:
 - ✓ 1) Passing the administrative screening (application, records review & background check).
 - ✓ 2) Attend New Instructor Orientation Training (NIOT) (after being hired).
- ❖ Certification is valid for three years, and while employed, will be renewed annually in consonance with an instructor's teaching contract, contingent upon satisfactory evaluations and completion of any assigned training or educational requirements.

Unit Establishment Process

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- ✓ Download the CGJROTC Host School Application online.
- ✓ When ready, submit application to CGJROTC@uscg.mil.
- ✓ Applicants will receive an email confirmation. The Coast Guard may contact the application POC for additional information as needed.
- ✓ Applications will be sorted & retained indefinitely. New Host School selections will be made as the Coast Guard authorizes program growth.
- ✓ Once selected, a Memorandum of Agreement will formalize the partnership between the Coast Guard and School District.
- ✓ The School hires Coast Guard-certified instructors & begins to receive program equipment.
- ✓ New instructors attend New Instructor Orientation Training (NIOT) before starting.
- ✓ 1st Spring – New Unit Establishment Ceremony held at the school
- ✓ Reach out to CGJROTC@uscg.mil with any questions.



Thank you for your interest in CGJROTC!

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