

Gregory A. Matyas
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard



Commander Gregory Matyas assumed command of Air Station Traverse City, Michigan, in July 2015. As one of the oldest air units in the Coast Guard, Air Station Traverse City has proudly served the nation and the citizens of Great Lakes since 1946. The unit consists of 120 active duty & civilian personnel, approximately 40 Coast Guard Auxiliarists, and 220 dependents. Air Station Traverse City operates a fleet of four MH-65D helicopters executing Homeland Security and Maritime Safety missions throughout Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and the northern half of Lake Huron.

Commander Gregory Matyas was assigned to the USCGC ACTIVE as a Deck Watch Officer in Port Angeles, WA before reporting for Flight Training at NAS Pensacola in 1998. He was subsequently assigned to Air Station Miami, FL where he deployed throughout the Caribbean in support of search and rescue, as well as counter drug and migrant efforts. Commander Matyas was selected for the Aeronautical Engineering program in 2001 and finished his student syllabus before transferring to Mobile, AL. From 2003-2005, he served as the Assistant HH-65 Engineering Officer at ATC Mobile in the Polar Operations Division. During this tour, he circumnavigated North America aboard the USCGC HEALY and was a member of the last Deep Freeze aviation detachment onboard USCG POLAR STAR that sailed from Seattle, WA to McMurdo Station, Antarctica in 2005.

In 2005, Commander Matyas reported to Coast Guard Air Station Humboldt Bay, CA where he served as the Aeronautical Engineering Officer in charge of the maintenance and hangar deck personnel associated with three HH-65B/C aircraft. In 2009, he was assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters Office of Budget and Program Review as the program reviewer for the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources (CG-1). Commander Matyas was responsible for the formulation of the Coast Guard's annual \$4 billion human resource budget and ensured alignment of all resources, policy and legislative proposals with the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security and the White House. Commander Matyas assumed the duties as the Aeronautical Engineering Officer of Coast Guard Barbers Point, Hawaii in 2012, where he was responsible for 150 active duty and civilian personnel, and the maintenance of four MH-65D and four HC-130H aircraft operating throughout the 12.2 million square mile Pacific Ocean area of responsibility.

Commander Matyas graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1996 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. In 2009, he earned a Master's Degree in Industrial Administration from Purdue University's Krannert School of Management. Commander Matyas has over 3,200 flight hours in the MH-65 helicopter and was previously designated an MH-65B/C Flight Examiner/Instructor Pilot. He is married to the former Susannah May Rybka of Springville, AL.