



## All Hands Messages

### *Publication 1*

To the Men and Women of the United States Coast Guard:

I am pleased to announce the first revision to our capstone doctrine, Coast Guard Publication 1 (Pub 1). Secretary Napolitano officially announced the revision at today's Coast Guard Academy graduation ceremony. She stressed its importance for our Service and its applicability for the entire Department of Homeland Security.

I expect all Coast Guard members to read Pub 1 and discuss it with your shipmates. Hard copies will be widely distributed and it is also posted on our website available at [www.uscg.mil/comdt](http://www.uscg.mil/comdt).

As a capstone doctrine, Pub 1 explains our principles of operation: clear objective, presence, unity of effort, on-scene initiative, flexibility, managed risk, and restraint. These traits can be traced back to Alexander Hamilton's Letter of Instruction to the Commanding Officers of the first 10 revenue marine cutters and are even more relevant today. This guidance will help every member of the Coast Guard - active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliarist - understand who we are, what we do, and why we do it.

Pub 1 maps our organizational DNA and reveals the evolution of our Guardian Ethos. Looking forward, Pub 1 provides a solid foundation so we can adapt our operational activities to meet the maritime challenges of the 21st century. Use it as a fundamental building block to educate our newest Coast Guard members and to guide your professional judgment as you address emerging mission demands in your area of responsibility.

Thank you for your dedicated efforts to the Coast Guard and the Nation.

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