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SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN NEW YORK

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THURSDAY ★ OCTOBER 8, 2026 ★ NEW YORK CITY

**COAST GUARD FOUNDATION
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PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

WELCOME

Reggie Rivers
Master of Ceremonies

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

INVOCATION

Commander Gregory Hazlett
Deputy Chaplain of the Coast Guard

REMARKS

Tom Allegretti
Chairman, Coast Guard Foundation

2026 HONOREE

Sail4th 250

DINNER

**2026 COAST GUARD FOUNDATION
AWARD PRESENTATION**

Coast Guard Sector New York and CGC Eagle

REMARKS

Susan Ludwig
President, Coast Guard Foundation

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Admiral Thomas G. Allan Jr.
Vice Commandant, United States Coast Guard

POST DINNER RECEPTION



ADMIRAL THOMAS G. ALLAN, JR.
VICE COMMANDANT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Admiral Tom Allan assumed the duties of Vice Commandant in February 2026, after previously serving as the Acting Vice Commandant since July 2025. As the Vice Service Chief, he advances the Commandant’s strategic vision and directs internal governance of the U.S. Coast Guard, the 56,000 person-strong military service and law enforcement agency that conducts operations to control, secure, defend the U.S. border and maritime approaches, facilitates commerce, and successfully responds to a crisis or contingency.

Admiral Allan most recently served as the Acting Deputy Commandant for Operations (DCO) responsible for the development of operational strategy, policy, guidance, and resources that address national priorities. This oversight of Coast Guard missions, programs, and services includes: intelligence; international affairs; cyber; the maritime transportation system; commercial regulations and inspections; search and rescue; maritime security; law enforcement; defense operations; environmental response; contingency planning; and the operational capabilities of cutter, boat, aviation, shore, and deployable specialized forces.

Admiral Allan’s previous Flag assignments also include: Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, where he oversaw the 17,000-person organization that delivers the people and systems that enable the Coast Guard to perform its operational missions through all facets of mission support; Director of Operations (J3), U.S. Southern Command, where he oversaw all operations, activities, and investments within the vast area of responsibility encompassing 31 countries and 12 dependencies and areas of special sovereignty; Commander, First Coast Guard District, where he oversaw all Coast Guard missions across eight states in the Northeast, including over 2,000 miles of coastline from the U.S.-Canadian border to northern New Jersey and 1,300 miles offshore; Assistant Commandant for Resources and Chief Financial Officer for the U.S. Coast Guard (CG-8) where he was responsible for all budgetary, financial and resource management activities relating to the programs and operations of the Coast Guard.

Admiral Allan is a career operations ashore officer with tours across multiple units with a concentration in boat forces operations. A native of Bowie, Maryland, Admiral Allan earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Baltimore, and completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI. He has earned numerous personal, team, and campaign awards during 35 years of service.



COMMAND MASTER CHIEF
MATTHEW D. BUCKMAN
DEPUTY MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Master Chief Matthew Buckman assumed the duties of Deputy Master Chief Petty Officer of the United States Coast Guard on October 1, 2025, where he serves as the principal advisor to the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard and senior leadership on the impact of existing or proposed policy changes and potential situations pertinent to the morale and general well-being of service personnel and their families.

Prior assignments as a Command Senior Enlisted Leader include the Enlisted Professional Military Education Rating Force Master Chief, where he served as the senior subject matter and advised senior leadership as on required knowledge and advancement qualifications for all enlisted personnel. Prior to that he served as CSEL for the Great Lakes District, advising on operational and personnel matters encompassing the entire Great Lakes Region and Saint Lawrence Seaway. He also served as CSEL at Base Honolulu, the logistics support touchpoint for the Oceania District, spanning eight time zones, the International Date Line, the Equator and two oceans.

Master Chief Buckman is a native of Louisville, Kentucky and enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserves in 1990. He was assigned to Reserve Unit Louisville and advanced to Boatswain Mate Third Class. He transitioned to Active Duty in 1995 and was assigned to the USCGC *Midgett* in Seattle, Washington. His subsequent assignments include Station Seattle and USCGC *Ocracoke* in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Command assignments include Executive Petty Officer of Station Vallejo, California; USCGC *Joshua Appleby* in St. Petersburg, Florida; Officer in Charge of Station St. Joseph, Michigan, and USCGCs *Finback* and *Crocodile* in Cape May, New Jersey.

He is certified as a small boat Coxswain and Deck Watch Officer on multiple platforms. He has 11 years of sea time and is both a permanent Cutterman and a permanent Small Boat Coxswain. Master Chief Buckman holds a Merchant Mariner Certificate, Master of vessels of 200 tons.

Master Chief Buckman has attended numerous service schools, including Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy, Class CXL, and the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leader Course. He holds a bachelor’s degree in communication from the University of Louisville and a Master of Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix.

Master Chief Buckman’s military awards include the two Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Commandant Letters of Commendation and numerous other personal and unit awards.

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HONOREE

As part of the nation's celebration of America's 250th anniversary, Sail4th 250 brought the world together in an extraordinary tribute to America's maritime heritage, history, and enduring spirit of service.

Centered in New York Harbor, the historic event featured one of the largest international gatherings of tall ships ever assembled, welcoming vessels and sailors from around the globe in a powerful display of friendship, cooperation, and shared tradition. The celebration included a fleet of international tall ships and the United States Coast Guard Cutter Eagle, America's Tall Ship, alongside numerous maritime, educational, and cultural events.

The United States Coast Guard played a vital role in the success of Sail4th 250, helping ensure the safety and security of participants and spectators while showcasing the service's proud seagoing traditions. The presence of Coast Guard members and the iconic Eagle served as a powerful reminder of the Coast Guard's enduring mission to safeguard our nation's waters, protect maritime commerce, and stand watch in service to the American people. The event highlighted the deep connection between America's maritime past and the men and women who continue to serve today.

More than a commemoration of a historic milestone, Sail4th 250 inspired millions through a shared celebration of freedom, citizenship, and national pride. Through visionary leadership, meticulous planning, and a commitment to honoring America's past while inspiring future generations, Sail4th 250 created a once-in-a-generation event worthy of our nation's 250th birthday.

Tonight, we proudly recognize and thank the Sail4th 250 organization for its extraordinary contribution to this historic celebration and for showcasing the values that unite us as a maritime nation.



COAST GUARD FOUNDATION SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN NEW YORK

AWARDEE

COAST GUARD SECTOR NEW YORK AND CGC EAGLE

The United States Coast Guard, serving as the lead federal agency for maritime safety and security, executed one of the most complex and consequential maritime operations in the Service's history in support of Sail250 and Sail4th 250, commemorating the 250th Anniversary of American Independence. Throughout the multi-city tour, crews maintained safety and security zones, enforced transit controls, and kept maritime trade routes open without disruption — protecting an industry that generates more than five trillion dollars and millions of American jobs annually.

At the Port of New York and New Jersey, Coast Guard Sector New York executed Operation READY EAGLE, managing 126 large-vessel transits and orchestrating a 79-vessel naval and tall ship parade, an aerial review of 200 aircraft, and the 50th Anniversary of Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks before an audience of national and international leaders, including the Vice President of the United States, the Acting Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and 54 international heads of navy.

Across layered maritime security zones spanning the Hudson River, Battery, Bay Ridge Flats, and Stapleton anchorage, personnel logged 622 combined underway hours, completed 36 high-capacity passenger vessel escorts with 26 additional escort legs. They also conducted 32 tall ship staging-area patrols, supported four dive operations, and deployed and recovered 42 America 250 navigational buoys. Landside forces sustained a persistent protective presence through 118 foot patrols, 56 K-9 patrols, and 109 facility inspections. Counter-UAS teams detected more than 1,000 unmanned aerial contacts, executed 250 mitigations, seized 90 drones, and issued 100 citations, safeguarding participating vessels and the public from aerial threats.

Despite severe weather and multiple simultaneous incidents including the recovery of eight persons following an East River seaplane crash, emergency response to vessels dragging anchor, and a medical evacuation for an injured U.S. Navy sailor, response forces preserved safety and operational continuity without interruption to any scheduled event.

Coast Guard Cutter *Eagle*, "America's Tall Ship," embodied the Service's heritage throughout the event. *Eagle* led the Grand Parade of Sail through the Verrazzano Narrows and up the Hudson River, past the Statue of Liberty and before a global audience. *Eagle* and her crew of Coast Guard Academy cadets welcomed approximately 60,000 visitors across five ports, sharing the nation's maritime heritage with spectators from around the world.

The professionalism, readiness, and dedication of all Coast Guard personnel reflect great credit upon themselves and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.



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COAST GUARD FOUNDATION SUPPORT FOR THE COAST GUARD

YOUR IMPACT IN 2025

In 2025, the Coast Guard Foundation supported Coast Guard members and families across a range of areas, from emergency and tragedy assistance to education, professional development, and morale and wellness programs.

■ EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

Education remained a cornerstone of the Foundation's work. In 2025, \$925,000 in scholarships were awarded to 255 Coast Guard dependent children, with individual awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Funding supported students pursuing college degrees as well as technical and trade school pathways, reducing financial stress and allowing students to focus on academic and career goals.

Children of Fallen Heroes received additional, sustained support. Eleven surviving children were awarded Fallen Heroes scholarships and booster grants, ensuring access to enrichment opportunities such as after-school and summer programs, and scholarships that cover 100% of tuition and expenses for college and trade school at the institution of their choice.

At the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the Foundation supported academic and athletic programs, waterfront activities, and a fueling station for student-athletes. Partnerships with Academy leadership also enabled projects that reinforced leadership development and the service's core values. Through the generosity of a Coast Guard Foundation donor, a capable power boat was donated to support cadet maritime training and sailing programs.

The Foundation invested in professional growth across the service. Workforce development programs provided classes and materials to 349 Coast Guard members pursuing captains' licenses and professional credentials, supporting both mission readiness and transitions to civilian careers. An additional 133 grants helped members offset the cost of off-duty education.

223 spouses received \$1,000 and \$2,000 grants to pursue higher education, professional development, and earn professional certifications; these investments strengthened household stability and expanded long-term career opportunities.

The Foundation also supported Coast Guard K9 teams, funding care for working service dogs and specialized training for handlers, recognizing the operational importance of these teams and the unique bond they share.

■ BUILDING MORALE AND WELLNESS

To support Coast Guard families, the Foundation awarded more than \$416,000 in youth enrichment grants to 921 Coast Guard children, helping fund summer camps and access to technology for online learning and enrichment. These opportunities promoted confidence, skill-building, and social connection during the summer break.

Across the service, the Foundation invested more than \$1.4 million in 247 national morale and wellness projects, supporting physical and mental health for members stationed at sea and in remote locations. Community-building events such as Coast Guard Day celebrations and holiday gatherings strengthened unit cohesion and family support networks.

The Foundation also played a key role in celebrating service milestones. Partnerships with local commissioning committees helped bring the commissioning ceremonies of four new fast response cutters to fruition. Each cutter received a grant to establish a morale

account, and additional funding supported morale projects across the fast response cutter fleet.

In partnership with the Coast Guard Chaplain's office, the Foundation supported a national effort to strengthen relationships and resilience across the service. In 2025, the Foundation funded 58 chaplain-led programs that reached more than 7,100 Coast Guard members and family members that created meaningful moments of connection, reflection, and support at units around the country. From suicide prevention training and marriage enrichment to unit-based resiliency experiences and spiritual fitness events, these programs met people where they serve and live.

■ SUPPORT DURING TIMES OF CRISIS AND LOSS

As natural disasters affected Coast Guard communities across the country, the Foundation provided \$40,000 in emergency relief to 17 Coast Guard members and their families whose homes were damaged or destroyed by flooding and wildfires. Disasters included a glacial dam burst in Juneau, flooding in the Pacific Northwest, and wildfires in California.

The Foundation provided tragedy assistance to 21 Coast Guard families following the death of a Coast Guard member or immediate family member. Members who were critically injured or managing chronic illness also received financial support to aid in recovery, and long-term assistance continued for families of Fallen Heroes to honor their service and sacrifice.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2027 | 6:30 PM | THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM, NEW ORLEANS

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN FLORIDA

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2027 | 6:30 PM | MARGARITAVILLE HOLLYWOOD BEACH RESORT

WASHINGTON, DC SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2027 | 7 AM | ARMY NAVY COUNTRY CLUB, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2027 | 6:30 PM | NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM, WASHINGTON DC

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN ALASKA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2027 | 6 PM | THE HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK, ANCHORAGE

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN NEW YORK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2027 | 6 PM | THE LIGHTHOUSE AT PIER 61, NEW YORK CITY

SALUTE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN TEXAS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2027 | 6 PM | MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOUSTON

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Thanks to our generous partners, the Coast Guard Foundation has:

- Funded \$54 million in education initiatives, helping thousands within the Coast Guard community — members, spouses, and children — achieve their dreams of higher education
- Awarded more than 20,450 grants to Coast Guard members for college tuition or professional training, enhancing their duties and setting them up for success after their service ends
- Invested \$32 million in fitness and wellness services for Coast Guard members' physical and mental health
- Provided \$6.2 million in direct support for families who have suffered the tragic loss of a loved one or needed critical support during natural disasters and emergencies

The brave members of the Coast Guard sacrifice so much to serve our nation. The Coast Guard Foundation is committed to providing them and their families the resources they need to build resilience throughout their lives when it's needed most.

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