



CAPTAIN DAVID R. CALLAHAN, USCG
Ninth Coast Guard District Chief of Staff
United States Coast Guard

Captain David Callahan assumed his current duties as the Ninth Coast Guard District's Chief of Staff in June of 2008. Prior to reporting to Cleveland, Captain Callahan was Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Mobile, AL, responsible for all Coast Guard aviation training and aviation operational capabilities development.

A native of Littleton, Colorado, Captain Callahan graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1982. Upon graduation, he served as Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC RUSH (WHEC-723) based at Alameda, CA, before assignment to fixed and rotary wing flight training at the Naval Flight Training Command in Pensacola, FL. After earning his wings of gold in 1985, he reported to Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans for his first aviation assignment, and was quickly pressed into service during

one of the busiest hurricane seasons on record in the Gulf of Mexico. In 1989, Captain Callahan was assigned to Group /Air Station Port Angeles, WA, where in addition to his duties as an aviator, he served as Group Administration Officer and Operations Officer. In 1994, he served as Coast Guard Liaison to NATO staff and Naval Intelligence Branch member, Allied Forces Southern Europe, Naples, Italy, enforcing United Nations sanctions against former Yugoslavia during the Bosnian Conflict. In 1995, Captain Callahan was assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak, Alaska, where he served as Chief, Alaskan Patrol section (ALPAT), leading a group of 17 aviators conducting shipboard deployments in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. He also served as Chief of Air Station Kodiak's Enforcement of Laws and Treaties section, planning and conducting maritime law enforcement in one of the Coast Guard's largest and most active areas of responsibility. In 1997 he was assigned as Chief, HH-65A Training Branch at Coast Guard Aviation Training Center, Mobile, AL. Serving as the chief HH-65 Instructor pilot in the Coast Guard, he led the HH-65 community through a three year period of unprecedented change including the introduction of Night Vision Devices into USCG aviation. From July 1999 to June 2002 he was assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Savannah, GA as the Operations Officer followed by Executive Officer. From June 2002 to June 2004, he has served as Commanding Officer of USCG Air Station New Orleans, the Coast Guard's busiest all-helicopter air station. Following his tour in New Orleans, Captain Callahan completed Senior Service School resident studies and graduated with honors at the Air War College, USAF Air University, Maxwell AFB. In 2005, as Commanding Officer ATC Mobile, Captain Callahan was recognized for his leadership of Coast Guard aviation forces during and after Hurricane Katrina. His command served as the aviation hub for the entire Katrina response, became the largest operational air station in U.S. Coast Guard history, and played a key role on the Coast Guard's rescue of over 30,000 people in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Captain Callahan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management, a Masters degree in National Security Studies, and is a 2005 graduate of the Air War College. Over the span of his career, Captain Callahan has logged over 5000 hours of military and civil fixed and rotary wing flight time. Captain Callahan's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (4), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (3), the Commandant's Letter of Commendation (2), and the NATO Medal for Yugoslavian operations. Captain Callahan is married to the former Kathi Good of Sequim, Washington.