



## Captain Douglas M. Fears

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Captain Doug Fears serves as the Chief of Staff for the Coast Guard's Atlantic Area command, with an area of responsibility that includes the Great Lakes, Gulf of Mexico and Western Rivers of North America and Central American isthmus eastward through Europe and Africa to the Arabian Gulf. The staff of approximately 300 has oversight for all Coast Guard missions within Atlantic Area and more than 24,000 Coast Guard personnel assigned to five Coast Guard Districts and operational commands in the land, sea, air and cyber domains.



Captain Fears served in eight Coast Guard and Navy ships around the world and served as Commanding Officer in three of them, most recently as the Plankowner Commanding Officer in USCGC HAMILTON (WMSL 753). Between his sea duty assignments, he served as the Chief of Law Enforcement for the Coast Guard, the White House Director for Central America and the Caribbean on the National Security Council staff, a Program Reviewer in the Coast Guard Headquarters Office of Budget and Programs, a liaison to the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Aide and Executive Assistant to the Coast Guard District Commander in Seattle, Washington.

Captain Fears is a native of Maryland's Eastern Shore and enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1982. He has been awarded over 40 personal, unit, campaign and service awards. He is an alumnus of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the U.S. Naval War College, and Harvard University, with a B.S. in Government, an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies, and a Master in Public Administration degree, respectively. He was the Coast Guard Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and was also a Fellow in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI on Foreign Politics, International Relations, and the National Interest.