



Captain Brian K. Penoyer

United States Coast Guard



Chief of Staff
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Captain Brian Penoyer has served as the Chief of Staff for the Fourteenth Coast Guard District, since June 2016. As the Chief of Staff, Captain Penoyer is the principle advisor to the District Commander on all Coast Guard missions conducted in the central and South Pacific, an operating area of over 12.2 million square miles. Captain Penoyer is a 2015 recipient of the Coast Guard's Type I Incident Commander Qualification, a native of the Chicago area, and a proud University of Chicago graduate.

Captain Penoyer previously served as the Commander of Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston, where he directed all Coast Guard missions across Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana. Captain Penoyer also served at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in the International Security Program, as the Deputy Chief of Coast Guard Congressional Affairs, where he led the Service's nationwide congressional engagement strategy, as Admiral Thad Allen's liaison in the office of the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security during the DEEPWATER

HORIZON incident, and in support of Admiral Allen during the Hurricane Katrina response.

A specialist in coastal operations, Captain Penoyer served as Deputy Sector Commander in Baltimore with responsibility for the execution of all Coast Guard missions on the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries; as Chief of Prevention at Sector Baltimore; and as Chief of Port Operations and Planning in Jacksonville, Florida where he formulated and led the Coast Guard's regional response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. In other operational assignments, he inspected foreign and U.S. merchant vessels, led oil spill response teams, and conducted investigations in Alaska during a period of multiple cruise ship groundings and significant, fatal commercial fishing vessel accidents. In his first assignment for the Coast Guard, Captain Penoyer deployed throughout Europe and the Middle East during the 1991 Gulf War.

Captain Penoyer's staff assignments include serving as the Department of Homeland Security's Chief of Contingency Planning, where he led the interagency teams revising the National Response Plan, Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, and Joint Field Office doctrine. He also served as the Coast Guard's liaison to the U.S. Department of the Interior and Coast Guard representative on the National Response Team. At Coast Guard Headquarters, Captain Penoyer formulated doctrine for marine investigations, coordinated law enforcement policy, and developed the Coast Guard's enterprise operational data system.

Captain Penoyer holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Maryland. He also holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and is a graduate of the College of Naval Command and Staff at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island where he received the Director's Award for Academic Excellence.

Captain Penoyer has been awarded the Legion of Merit, five Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Department of Transportation "9-11" Medal, and several campaign medals including the Southwest Asia Service Medal.