



Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister

Commander, 17th Coast Guard District U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister assumed the duties of Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District in June 2016. He is responsible for Coast Guard operations throughout Alaska, which include protecting life and property, enforcing federal laws and treaties, preserving living marine resources and promoting national security. The Coast Guard's forces in Alaska total more than 2,500 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel, who employ 15 cutters, 52 boats, and 17 aircraft across an area of responsibility that includes the North Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean and Bering Sea. Headquartered in Juneau, the District Commander provides operationally ready maritime forces to Coast Guard and Department of Defense Commanders for Coast Guard, joint, and interagency operations both domestically and internationally.

Previously Rear Admiral Michael McAllister served as the Deputy Director of Operations for Headquarters United States Northern Command where he was responsible for homeland defense and defense support of civil authorities for North America, and theater security cooperation with Mexico and the Bahamas.



Admiral McAllister has served in a variety of operational assignments, both afloat and ashore. He served as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the USCGC STEADFAST, St. Petersburg, Florida, and as Commanding Officer of USCGC POINT STEELE, Fort Myers Beach, Florida and USCGC KEY LARGO, Savannah, Georgia. From 2000 to 2003, Admiral McAllister served as Chief, Response Division at Coast Guard Activities New York where he led maritime response and security operations following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 in New York City. He also served as Commander of Coast Guard Sector Charleston, South Carolina where he oversaw all Coast Guard missions in the states of South Carolina and Georgia and prototyped the Department of Homeland Security's successful Interagency Operations Center Program.

Admiral McAllister's staff assignments include duty as a Construction Project Manager at Facilities Design and Construction Center Pacific in Seattle, Washington and as Executive Officer of Civil Engineering Unit Miami, Florida. He served as a program reviewer in the Office of Programs and Budget at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, and the Officer Assignments Branch Chief at the Coast Guard Personnel Command, Arlington, Virginia. He was also the Executive Assistant to the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, the Executive Director for the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, and the Director of Coast Guard Enterprise Strategic Management and Doctrine.

Admiral McAllister attended the United States Coast Guard Academy, graduating in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. In 1991, he was awarded a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. In 2004, he received a Masters of Business Administration from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a member of the Sloan Fellows Program. His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three awards), the DOT 9/11 Medal, as well as numerous other personal, unit and Service awards. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Washington.