



USCGC MIDGETT (WSML 757)

Commanding Officer
Capt Matthew Rooney
United States Coast Guard



Captain Rooney, a native of Wallingford, Connecticut, received his commission in the Coast Guard in 2001 after graduating from Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Transportation and a Third Mate Unlimited Tonnage License. He reported to MIDGETT from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania where he studied National Security Policy, Military Strategy, and Defense Management.



Captain Rooney's previous afloat assignments include Commanding Officer of USCGC SENECA (WMEC 906) in Portsmouth Virginia where he conducted counter narcotics and fisheries enforcement operations in the North Atlantic and Eastern Pacific Oceans. He also served as Executive Officer of USCGC VIGILANT (WMEC 617) in Port Canaveral Florida; Commanding Officer of USCGC KODIAK ISLAND (WPB 1341) Port Crew in Key West Florida; Commanding Officer of USCGC MAUI (WPB 1304) in the Kingdom of Bahrain; Executive Officer of USCGC ATTU (WPB 1317) in Key West Florida; Executive Officer of USCGC MONHEGAN (WPB 1305) in Key West Florida; and Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC SPENCER (WMEC 905) in Boston, Massachusetts.

Captain Rooney's previous shore assignments include service as the Chief of the Policy and Standard Division (CG-1331) in the Office Military Personnel (CG-13) at Coast Guard Headquarters where he was responsible for the development, promulgation, and implementation of military human resource policies including accessions, advancement, evaluations, and separations for over 42,000 military members. Captain Rooney also served as a program reviewer in the Office of Budget and Programs (CG-821) where he was responsible for the formulation and defense of the Coast Guard's annual \$6 Billion Human Resources budget. Additionally, Captain Rooney was assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area Major Cutter Forces staff where he served as the Major Cutter Scheduler, Area Patrol Boat Manager, and Major Cutter Budget Manager.

Captain Rooney earned a Master of Public Administration from the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania in 2013 and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2023. Captain Rooney is a permanent Cutterman. His personal awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, six Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and numerous unit and service awards.