



Captain John G. Rivers

Air Station Barbers Point Commanding Officer



Captain John Rivers assumes command having most recently served as the Deputy Director for Coast Guard Health, Safety, and Work-Life where he assisted the Director in oversight of the Coast Guard's health care system of 42 clinics and 150 sick bays, safety and environmental health program, and work-life programs.

A native of North Adams, MA, Captain Rivers graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science in Government. Following commissioning, he was assigned to USCGC MOHAWK (WMEC-913) in Key West, Florida as a Deck Watch Officer, and in 1997, he earned his "Wings of Gold" from the Naval Flight School in Pensacola, Florida. His previous aviation assignments include Commanding Officer, Air Station Savannah, Georgia, Executive Officer, Air Station Houston, TX, as well as Air Station Borinquen, PR, and Air Station Miami, FL. He also served as an H-65 Flight Examiner at the Coast Guard's Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama. During the final year of his assignment, he headed the Performance Technology Branch where he oversaw the development of the pilot training curriculum for the fleet transition from the HH-65B to the HH-65C. Throughout his career, he has accumulated more than 4,000 military flight hours and has held Flight Examiner designations in the H65A, B, and C models. In addition to his staff assignment at Coast Guard Headquarters, Captain Rivers has served two tours at the Pentagon, first as a liaison to the Director of Expeditionary Warfare on the Chief of Naval Operations staff and later on the Joint Staff as the principal advisor to the Chairman on Coast Guard capabilities, plans, and authorities. While there, he played a key role in coordinating the DoD's support to civil authorities during numerous natural disasters to include hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Captain Rivers earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, a Master of Science in Instructional Systems Design from the University of South Alabama, and a Certificate in Aviation Safety Management from the University of Southern California.



His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal