



## Rear Admiral Michael H. Day

Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District  
U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Day assumed the duties as Commander of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District in June 2022. He is responsible for directing Coast Guard operations throughout Oceania, including Hawai'i, Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and activities in Singapore and Japan. The Coast Guard conducts operations and activities across the Fourteenth District as part of the Department of Homeland Security team protecting the U.S. and as one of the five armed services and part of the joint force defending it. The Coast Guard works closely with allies to advance maritime governance as part of the rules-based international order essential to a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Prior to reporting to District 14, Rear Admiral Day was the Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security in June 2021. His primary responsibility is to provide counsel to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary regarding policies, plans, and other affairs between the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense. Rear Admiral Day previously served as the Executive Assistant to the Commandant and Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard providing senior executive decision support, advice, and recommendations to shape, communicate, and carry out strategic direction, policy, and internal/external communications.



Rear Admiral Day was commissioned in 1991 at Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Virginia and has enjoyed a diverse career of operational and staff assignments in the Response Ashore field. Previous assignments include serving in the Strategy and Policy Directorate (J5) for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Commanding Officer of the Pacific Strike Team, where he participated in a variety of emergency responses in locations ranging from the Arctic to Taiwan and throughout the United States. Rear Admiral Day also served as Commander of Sector New York from 2015- 2018. In this capacity, he served as Captain of the Port, Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator, and Federal On-Scene Coordinator for Sector New York's 6,000 square miles area of responsibility.

In response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, as a Lieutenant and while serving as the Chief of Waterways Oversight in the Port of New York and New Jersey, he was immediately designated the Coast Guard on-scene commander for the evacuation of lower Manhattan. In this capacity, he coordinated the response of over 100 civilian vessels in evacuating over 500,000 people in the largest maritime evacuation in history. Rear Admiral Day has earned Masters degrees in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island and in Public Administration from Bridgewater State University. Rear Admiral Day also completed a one-year fellowship at Harvard University Kennedy School of Government as a National Security Fellow and participated in a one-year Industry Training program with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Rear Admiral Day has received numerous military and civic awards. However, he considers those awards earned throughout his career associated with unit performance to be most satisfying and representative of Coast Guard service, because they recognize the participation and accomplishment of all crewmembers.