



Captain Maurice D. Murphy

Chief of Staff

Oceania District

United States Coast Guard



Captain Murphy assumed the duties of Chief of Staff for the Oceania District in June 2026. His previous assignment was Commanding Officer, Air Station Barbers Point. Prior to Air Station Barbers Point he was assigned as Chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Search and Rescue at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. In this role he was responsible for oversight of the nation's Search and Rescue System, providing guidance to federal agencies and states, leading the National Search and Rescue Committee, and representing the United States at international aeronautical and maritime response organizations.



A 2002 graduate of Naval Flight School in Pensacola, Florida, Captain Murphy has earned designations as an Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner, and Alaska Qualified Aircraft Commander. His aviation assignments include Air Station Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Sector San Diego, California, Air Station Sitka, Alaska as Operations Officer, and Air Station Clearwater, Florida as Executive Officer. Captain Murphy also completed tours of duty as a Student Engineer on the USCG Cutter MUNRO in Alameda, California and as a Mathematics Instructor at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. At the Academy, he enjoyed serving as a Coastal Sail Training Leadership Instructor and advisor to the class of 2012.

Captain Murphy holds a Master of Science in Operations Research from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is a member of the United States Coast Guard Academy's class of 1999. His personal decorations include the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal with two gold stars, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal with three gold stars.