



Air Station San Francisco  
Commanding Officer  
CDR Christopher N. McAndrew  
United States Coast Guard



Commander Christopher McAndrew reported as the Commanding Officer of Air Station San Francisco in July of 2025. As Commanding Officer, he leads 100 personnel supporting and operating four MH-65 helicopters to ensure safety, security, law enforcement, and environmental protection of 250 miles of rugged coastline along central California. This Guardians of the Golden Gate area of responsibility spans from Point Arena to Big Sur and inland to the Nevada border.

Prior to Air Station San Francisco, he served as the Deputy Sector Commander and Executive Officer of Sector/Air Station Humboldt Bay leading one cutter, two surf boat stations, an Aids to Navigation Team, and a three MH-65 helicopter air station serving northern California. He also completed a staff assignment as the Chief of the Aviation Resources Division in the Office of Aviation Forces and was responsible for planning, programming, budgeting, and executing the entire Coast Guard aviation portfolio including all billets, assets, training, facilities, and future requirements. He oversaw the annual execution of the \$462M Operations and Support budget supporting 24 air stations, 6 air facilities, 4,900 personnel, and over 200 aircraft.



Commander McAndrew is an MH-65 Dolphin Short Range Recovery pilot and has been a designated instructor pilot and flight examiner for both search and rescue and rotary wing air intercept missions accumulating over 3,300 hours of flight time. Previous aviation assignments include Air Station Borinquen, Air Station Atlantic City, and Air Station Barbers Point. He is a Federal Aviation Administration rated Certified Flight Instructor and a rotary wing Airline Transport Pilot. Before Naval Flight Training, he completed afloat tours aboard the CGC RELIANCE (WMEC-615) as an Engineer Officer in Training and the CGC DRUMMOND (WPB-1323) as the Executive Officer.

Originally from Niceville, Florida, Commander McAndrew graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and earned a Master of Science in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.