

# U.S. COAST GUARD ATLANTIC AREA

## COMMANDER'S INTENT



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The Commandant's Intent, released by Admiral Linda Fagan on 1 June 2022, states:

***"Tomorrow looks different. So will we. We will be a more adaptive and connected Coast Guard that generates sustained readiness, resilience, and capabilities in new ways to enhance our Nation's maritime safety, security and prosperity."***<sup>1</sup>

In alignment with the Commandant's Intent 2022, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area's Intent is:

***We will generate sustained readiness, resilience, and capability in new ways. We will advance mission excellence and deliver superior mission execution to meet the Nation's needs. We will prepare for a future that is different than today.***

***We will generate sustained readiness, resilience, and capability in new ways.*** To be ready means we are prepared to serve and protect the American people and our national interests. It means that our crews, staffs, cutters, deployable specialized forces and expeditionary forces, boats, aircraft, facilities, and C5I Enterprise Mission Platform must be prepared to accomplish our missions, regardless of the challenges. To be resilient means the ability to adapt to changing conditions and rapidly recover from an incident or crisis. We will build and improve our readiness and resilience to ensure we are *Semper Paratus*—Always Ready as part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) team protecting this Nation and as one of the six armed services and part of the joint force defending it.

Individual readiness and resilience is the cornerstone of unit and force readiness. Readiness and resilience must start with each Coast Guard woman and man (Active, Reserve, Civilian, Auxiliarist) who voluntarily committed themselves to serve the Nation, and with that the duty and obligation to be ready for what the Coast Guard calls them to do. In return, we owe our people and their families the leadership and support they need to be ready to perform their duties.

We will improve readiness and resilience to conduct Coast Guard operations every day.

We will improve our capabilities by employing forces and assets in new ways. We must be creative and innovative in how we support and employ our people and assets. We will ensure unity of command by strengthening internal lines between our units and across missions.

We will ensure preparedness and response for crisis or contingency, even if it comes with little or no warning.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.uscg.mil/alwaysready](http://www.uscg.mil/alwaysready)

***We will advance mission excellence and deliver superior mission execution to meet the Nation's needs.***

We will advance our mission excellence. We will pursue and sustain mission proficiency in all that we do.

We conduct our missions in a dangerous and unforgiving maritime environment. We're going to do it right—through disciplined operations and with warranted risk. We will lead our people to get the mission done and safely return.

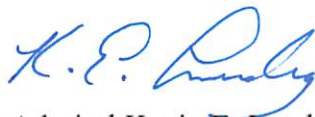
We will be a professional and agile armed force, law enforcer, regulator, and maritime first responder on which our partners confidently rely to address the Nation's increasingly complex maritime challenges. We will uphold our Core Values and ethos, built on the foundation of a proven Coast Guard history of service to the Nation.

We will serve the American people starting in the local communities in which we live and work. We will strengthen relationships within DHS, the Department of Defense and the joint force, other Federal, State, Tribal, and local government agencies, our allies and international partners, and with the public we serve. We will ensure a strong, appropriate, and enduring relationship with the maritime industry we regulate. We will always serve the American people, ensuring we sustain the public's trust and confidence.

***We will prepare for a future that is different than today.*** The strategic context and maritime environment in which we conduct our missions is increasingly complex and dynamic and is posing significant challenges and opportunities for the Coast Guard and the Nation. We must be ready for them, despite uncertainty about the future. We will focus effort to hone our competitive edge to prepare for that future.

Tomorrow looks different. So will we.

Together we will remain *Semper Paratus*.



Vice Admiral Kevin E. Lunday  
Commander