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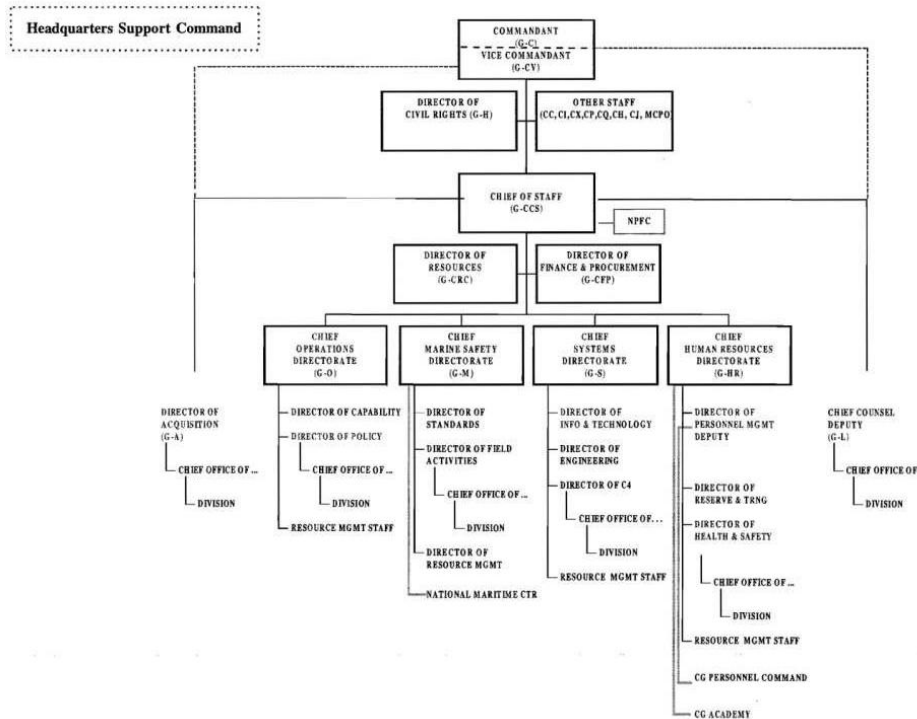
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U.S. Coast Guard

Organizational, Administrative & Mission History



General Overviews, Organizational & Mission History

- ["Forerunners of The Cutter Fleet"](#) an article by RADM Stephen H. Evans, USCG (Ret.), circa 1962. An important article that explores the justification for and successful use of "Custom House boats" to secure the revenue prior to Alexander Hamilton's establishment in 1790 of what became the Revenue Cutter Service and ultimately the Coast Guard.
- [Coast Guard Organizational History: A Timeline](#)
- [Coast Guard Organizational Charts, 1790-1989](#)
- Coast Guard Organization Manuals (CG-229): [1968](#); [1970](#); [1974-1978](#); (COMDINST 5400.7C): [1981-1982](#); [1985](#); [1989-1992](#)
- Headquarters Organization Manuals: [1967](#); [1971](#) (w/ Amendments); [1996-2001](#)
- ["Our History of Reorganization"](#); a Power-Point historical overview, 2008.
- *Coast Guard Regulations* (later CG-300 & COMDTINST M5000.3A): [1916](#); [1923](#); [1940](#); [1955](#) & [1985](#).
- [Coast Guard Reorganization, 1934](#) (Article by Commandant Harry Hamlet)
- [Coast Guard Headquarters Organization, 1957](#) (including an organizational chart & a history of Coast Guard Headquarters).



- [Missions: A Historical Timeline](#)
 - [Major Policy Changes & Historical Events that Influenced the Missions of the Coast Guard and its Predecessor Service.](#)
 - [Coast Guard Districts: An Overview](#)
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Articles, Official Documents, Reports, Regulations, Organizational Charts & Manuals

1883:

- [Reports in Regard to the Transfer of the Bureaus and Divisions of the Merchant \[sic-Revenue\] Marine in the Treasury Department to the Navy Department](#) (Washington, GPO, 1883); including the *Report of the Chief of Revenue-Marine Division*, 27 January 1883.

1912:

- [Economy and Efficiency in the Government Service: Message of the President of the United States Transmitting Reports of the Commission on Economy and Efficiency: Revenue-Cutter Service](#), Document No. 670 (Washington, DC: USGPO, 4 April 1912). The document from President William Howard Taft regarding the Revenue Cutter Service that led directly to the creation of the U.S. Coast Guard in 1915.

1913:

- ["Functions, Duties, and Organization of the United States Revenue-Cutter Service,"](#) as printed in the service's Fiscal Year 1913 *Annual Report*, pp. 67-83. This report gives a detailed overview of the service's history up until 1913, its organizational structure, its missions or "duties", a complete breakdown of the RCS's personnel, and a detailed description of each cutter that was in commission at the time of the report.
- [A Bill: To Create the Coast Guard By Combining Therein The Existing Life-Saving Service and Revenue-Cutter Service, May 26, 1913.](#)

1915:

- [General Order No. 1:](#) the official order that created the Coast Guard on 28 January 1915.

1916:

- [Coast Guard Regulations, 1916.](#)

1919:

- [United States Coast Guard 1919:](#) An official illustrated publication that provides an overview of the Coast Guard in 1919.

1920:

- ["Transfer of the Coast Guard to the Navy":](#) Congressional Hearings, 66th Congress, May, 1920 (courtesy of Google Books).

1923:

- [Coast Guard Regulations, 1923 \(with General Orders & Amendments to 1927\).](#)

- [Coast Guard Courts and Boards, 1923](#) (Washington: GPO, 1924); with "Amendment to Courts and Boards" (Nos. 1-7): No. 1, 17 May 1927; No. 2, 25 October 1927; No. 3, 12 March 1928; No. 4, 1 November 1928; No. 5, 29 March 1929; No. 6, 7 July 1930; No. 7, 17 February 1931.

1933:

- ["Service Reorganization Begins 15 January \[1933\]: Many New Changes to Be Made Gradually, Eastern, Western and Southern Area Plans Effective With January 15th Date."](#) With an article by the then-Commandant, Rear Admiral Harry G. Hamlet entitled: ["Re-organization Demands Loyal Support."](#) As published in the *Coast Guard Magazine*, Vol. 6, No. 4 (February, 1933), pp. 2-3, 10.

1933:

- [A memo from the Commandant, RADM H. G. Hamlet, through the Treasury Department to Harold L. Ickes](#), the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works, describing the "construction and reconditioning projects" the Coast Guard proposed that were to be funded through "emergency public works" during the Great Depression. Included in the memo is a description of the duties of the Coast Guard as well as of "The Probable Effect of Repeal of the 18th Amendment on the Duties Performed by the Coast Guard."

1940:

- [Coast Guard Regulations, 1940.](#)

1948:

- [Study of U.S. Coast Guard by Ebasco Services, Inc.](#), "A Summary" of the official report, dated 21 January 1948.

1955:

- [U.S. Coast Guard Regulations](#) (CG-300); 21 July 1955 (includes Amendments to 7 April 1959).

1967:

- [Headquarters Supplement \(CG-229-1\)](#) to *Organization Manual*, dated 9 May 1967; with changes to 15 March 1974 including DOT 1100.23 (3-15-74).

1968:

- [Organizational Manual](#) (CG-229), 26 January 1968.

1969:

- ["A Staff Study on the Organization of the Office of Operations Submitted to RADM R. W. Goehring, Chief, Office of Operations, 29 August 1969 by R. G. Kerr, Commander, United States Coast Guard."](#)

1970:

- [Organizational Manual \[w/ Amendment No. 1\]](#) (CG-229-1), 9 May 1967 & 7 January 1970.

1974:

- [Coast Guard Organizational Manual](#) (CG-229), 22 November 1974 with changes through 9 March 1979 & COMDTNOTE 5400 (1979).

1980:

- ["New Office and New Divisions Created by Re-organization" & "Major Headquarters Organization Changes."](#) as published in *Commandant's Bulletin*, 41-80 (1980), p. 5.

1981:

- [The Coast Guard Organization Manual](#), Commandant Instruction M5400.7; (old CG-229), 23 March 1981 (with updates to 1982).

1985:

- [The Coast Guard Organizational Manual](#), Commandant Instruction M5400.7B, 28 August 1985, with amendments.
- [Coast Guard Regulations, 1985](#), Commandant Instruction M5000.3A, 4 March 1985.

1987:

- [Realignment 1987: The New Structure and How We Got There,](#) a *Commandant's Bulletin* article (#13-87, 26 June 1987, pp. 34-45) on the development of new support and management functions by RADM Marshall E. Gilbert, then-Chief, Coast Guard Office of Research and Development and the officer in charge of the 1986 Field Realignment Study. The article also includes histories of the 3rd and 12th districts which were abolished under the 1987 reorganization.

1989:

- [The Coast Guard Organization Manual: Missions, Structures, Functions, Relationships](#), Commandant Instruction M5400.7, 4 August 1989; with updates COMDTNOTE 5400 dated 21 May 1990, 7 December 1990 & 20 December 1991.

1995:

- [A National Plan for Streamlining the United States Coast Guard](#), circa 1995.

1996:

- [Functional Statements for Streamlined Headquarters Organization](#), 15 March 1996; (from Chief, Streamlining Implementation Team; updated as per request of the Chief of Staff through G-CQM, 10 January 2001).

2001

- ["Establishing a New Normalcy"](#): Activities Baltimore, Before and After 11 September 2001; The Recollections of Captain Roger B. Peoples, U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.) Commanding Officer, Activities Baltimore. An important oral history that explained the introduction and subsequent development of the "Sector" organization.

2008:

- ["Modernization: Restructuring our Organizational DNA for Sustainable 21st Century Mission Execution"](#) illustrated graphic.

2008:

- ["Realignment: The Proposed Organization For the 21st Century"](#); illustrated organizational chart.

Predecessor Agencies

- [Organization and Methods of the United States Life-Saving Service](#), (a paper "read before the Committee on Life-Saving Systems and Devices, International Marine Conference, November 22, 1889" by Sumner I. Kimball, General

Superintendent of the Service, and published on 5 January 1894 "for the information of officers and employees of the Service and others interested." Washington: GPO, 1894).

- [*The United States Lighthouse Service: 1915. This report*](#) report gives an overview of the service's history up until 1915, its organizational structure, its missions (or "duties"), budget, a breakdown of the Lighthouse Service's personnel, and a description of the equipment and stations used by the service.

DHS Formation

- [Admiral Thad Allen's 2008 speech to the DHS Fellows Program](#) in which he discusses the formation and early history of DHS.
- [The Coast Guard's Assignment to the Department of Homeland Security: Entering Uncharted Waters or Just a Course Correction?; An essay by LCDR D. C. Baldinelli, 9 December 2002](#)

Deployable Assets

- [Rear Admiral Thomas F. Atkin's Oral History](#): RADM Atkin was the first operational commander of the Deployable Operations Group.

Miscellaneous

- [A History of Coast Guard Intelligence / Investigative Service](#)