



Commander's Intent

U.S. Coast Guard Seventeenth District

Alaska is a great place to live and work, which is fitting since the name Alaska is actually derived from the word meaning "Great Land". The Coast Guard has a long and distinguished history of service in this region where the maritime environment is one of the most demanding anywhere. It requires operators and support personnel alike to be at the top of their games. With new assets flowing into D17 including FRCs, OPCs, and C-130Js, there's no better place to learn and advance your skills. Most towns in Alaska have a small community feel with breathtaking scenery and world class outdoor recreation making this a great place for families. We are privileged to be able to call this place our home. I truly believe no Coast Guard career is complete without a tour in Alaska!

Vision: The Seventeenth Coast Guard District is the Nation's lead maritime presence in Alaska and the American Arctic. We will advance our national interests through a unique blend of operational capability, regulatory authority, and international leadership across the full spectrum of maritime governance. We will actively communicate our sovereign rights to reinforce support for a rules based international order. In all that we do, we live our core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.

Guiding Principles and Priorities:

Excel in operations. The Coast Guard exists to operate and that is our top priority. We will maintain a clear focus on crew proficiency and risk management at all levels to ensure mission success while safeguarding our people. Since Revenue Cutters first sailed these waters in 1867 to establish U.S. sovereignty, we have proudly safeguarded the maritime public, protected the environment, and defended the Nation's interests. Today, increased vessel traffic and increased human activity in this region will only increase demand for our services. We will innovate in concepts and approaches to operations and leverage advancements in technology and research for greater operational effect in the high latitudes.

Build effective partnerships. Our success in the vast expanse of Alaska relies upon partnerships. Because we can't be everywhere, we will emphasize prevention, leveraging relationships with tribes and engaging with state agencies, communities, industry programs, and educational programs to enhance safety and security and environmental stewardship. We will work closely with our military partners in the Alaska Command and Alaska National Guard to maximize effectiveness of national security and expeditionary operations. The Coast Guard's unique authorities and capabilities enable presence that translates to access and influence, but also postures D17 to serve as an "integrator of choice" in Alaska bolstering our unity of effort across international, federal, tribal, state, and local organizations.

Support our people and their families. Our people will achieve tremendous operational success if they feel valued at work and are well supported at home. We will act with integrity and moral courage to uphold our core values and to ensure a safe and positive environment for our members and their families. We must continue to combat sexual assault in our ranks and we will embrace the Commandant's Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan as crucial part of retaining a mission ready total workforce. Practicing inclusive leadership gives our people the tools they need to achieve their fullest potential. Support to our families is also critical in Alaska where many are far from their personal support networks. We will rally as a Coast Guard family to provide that support locally and advocate for adequate housing, medical, mental and spiritual health, ombudsman support, and other services to meet their needs.

Together we will honor D17's proud legacy of underwriting safe, secure, and responsible maritime activity in Alaska. Protecting the Great Land since 1867!


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