

Captain Jeffrey K. Randall
Chief of Staff, Seventh Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard



CAPT Randall serves as the Chief of Staff for Coast Guard District Seven (D7), headquartered in Miami, Florida. As Chief of Staff, he is responsible for oversight of Coast Guard operations in the Southeast United States and the Caribbean basin and the leadership of a combined active duty, reserve, civilian and volunteer workforce of over 9,000 members. The Seventh District encompasses an area of 1.8 million square miles and shares operational borders with 34 Foreign Nations and Territories.

Prior to being selected as the D7 Chief of Staff, Captain Randall commanded USCGC JAMES, one of the Coast Guard's newest and most capable warships from June 2018 to June (TBD) 2020. Captain Randall also served as Chief, Atlantic Area Operational Forces from July 2015 through May 2018. In this capacity, he oversaw all major cutters, Deployable Specialized Forces, boat forces, and aviation forces supporting Coast Guard missions from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf, spanning five Coast Guard Districts and 40 states. Captain Randall's other ashore assignments include tours as the Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the Chief of Naval Operations, Operations, Plans and Strategy, (N3/N5) staff, Assistant Branch Chief for Enforcement in the Coast Guard's Fifth District, and the Executive Officer of the North Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center.

Captain Randall's past afloat tours include assignments as Commanding Officer of USCGC DILIGENCE, WALNUT and STATEN ISLAND. He started his afloat career as a Deck Watch Officer, Operations Officer, and Navigator onboard USCGC IRONWOOD and then served as the Weapons Officer onboard USCGC RUSH. With over thirteen years of sea service, he has conducted law enforcement, search and rescue, alien migration interdiction operations, aids to navigation, ports, waterways and coastal security missions, including post-9/11 and Deepwater Horizon response operations.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, four Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, one Coast Guard Achievement Medal, two Commandant Letters of Commendation, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal along with numerous unit and service level awards.

Captain Randall is a native of Abilene, Texas. He received his commission from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1993 where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He also holds a Master of Marine Affairs degree from the University of Washington's School of Marine Affairs. He has also served as the Coast Guard's Federal Executive Fellow to the Brookings Institution.

He is married to the former Linda Pennington and has one daughter, Alyssa.