



CAPT Ronald J. Catudal

United States Coast Guard Reserve

**Commanding Officer
Coast Guard Reserve Unit
United States Northern Command**



CAPT Ronald Catudal currently serves as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Reserve Unit, United States Northern Command, located onboard Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In that role, he is essential in setting the conditions for the successful response of Department of Defense and Federal mission partners in the conduct of Civil Support and Homeland Defense missions, supporting a wide variety of training and exercises across all involved commands, and developing and strengthening trusted domestic and international partnerships with inter-organizational stakeholders.

Enlisting in the Coast Guard in 1980, CAPT Catudal qualified as coxswain operating the 41' Utility Boat, 25', and 17' response boats performing Law Enforcement and Search & Rescue missions in Florida. After attending Health Services 'A' School, he became one of the first nine "HS's" in the Coast Guard and advanced to First Class Petty Officer while on active duty in Honolulu and Cape Cod, Massachusetts, with temporary duty onboard several Cutters and at Loran Station Kure Island in the Pacific Ocean.

Upon commissioning, he completed tours as a Coast Guard Operations Center Search and Rescue Controller and later as a Joint Operations Officer for a U.S. Navy Coastal Warfare Harbor Defense Unit. CAPT Catudal also served a tour specializing in Joint Irregular Warfare at Joint Staff-South, and as Senior Reserve Officer at Sector Houston-Galveston, one of the Coast Guard's largest field commands. Subsequently, he served as Chief of Reserve Incident Management for Coast Guard Atlantic Area.

CAPT Catudal's mobilizations include operational roles during Hurricanes KATRINA, SANDY and IRENE, and in 2017 as the sole USCG representative to the Defense Coordinating Officer in the U.S. Virgin Islands for Hurricane IRMA, JOSE and MARIA initial response & recovery. In 2018, CAPT Catudal served as the DSCA representative in the USVI for Hurricane ISSAC, and as the USNORTHCOM J-9 representative during Hurricane FLORENCE and Operation FAITHFUL PATRIOT. He was the Coast Guard Liaison to a Louisiana Parish President during the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in 2010 and Deputy Incident Commander during the Texas City Y Spill, both Type I Incidents.

CAPT Catudal has provided force protection expertise to U.S. Navy Battle Groups in Vieques, Puerto Rico, Alexandria, Egypt & Tarragona, Spain, and Command & Control for Navy Inshore Boat Units during NATO & U.S. military troop/cargo off-loads in foreign ports in response to the 9-11 terrorist attacks as part of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In early 2011, he was mobilized to create a response plan for environmental threats in U.S. waters from a potential oil spill from Cuba's new offshore oil exploration program. From 2011-2014, he performed three years of Title 10 duty as Deputy, Atlantic Area (LANT-39), providing operational support for Patrol Boat Forces Southwest Asia in Bahrain and the Redeployment Assistance and Inspection Detachments in Afghanistan.

CAPT Catudal's education includes a JPME-1 and Masters of Arts in National Security from the U.S. Naval War College, a MBA in International Business from Johnson & Wales University, a Masters of Arts degree in Environmental Management/Sustainability from Harvard, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Rhode Island College.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (3), CG Commendation Medal (4), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, CG Achievement Medal (3). CAPT Catudal is qualified as a U.S. Navy Expeditionary Battle Watch Commander and has earned the Coast Guard Coxswain and Advanced Boat Force Operations Insignias.