



Commander Kevin Murphy
Executive Officer
US Coast Guard Air Station Detroit



Commander Murphy currently serves as the Executive Officer of U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Detroit. He oversees the management of 120 personnel and five MH-65 helicopters that provide year-round operational coverage across the Great Lakes region from Selfridge Air National Guard Base. During the summer, this mission extends through seasonal Air Facilities in Muskegon, Michigan, and Waukegan, Illinois. Additionally, Air Station Detroit provides rotary-wing air intercept support to protect the President of the United States and other national strategic assets under the direction of the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

Prior to reporting to Air Station Detroit, Commander Murphy was assigned to the Pentagon and served on the Joint Staff in the J5 Directorate. In this capacity, he provided strategic direction, policy guidance, and planning expertise to senior military leaders in support of the National Military Strategy and National Defense Strategy. He worked directly with the National Security Council, Department of State, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and Combatant Commands to deliver coordinated politico-military recommendations to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His portfolio focused on homeland defense, maritime security, and Arctic policy, enabling the Chairman to provide best military advice to the President, Secretary of Defense, and National Security Council.

A native of Watkins Glen, New York, Commander Murphy received his commission from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2007. His first assignment was aboard USCGC VENTUROUS (WMEC-625), where he served as a Deck Watch Officer and Boarding Officer. He subsequently served as Administration Department Head at Coast Guard Atlantic Area Command before being selected for Naval Flight Training.

After earning his Naval Aviator wings at NAS Pensacola in 2012, he was assigned to Air Station Clearwater as an MH-60T pilot. Following this tour, he reported to the Coast Guard's Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama, where he served as a fleet Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner. In this role, he was responsible for standardizing training practices and operational procedures across the Coast Guard's MH-60T fleet. In 2019, he was assigned to Air Station Cape Cod and served as the Assistant Operations Officer and Administration Department Head. There, he directed all-weather operational and training missions throughout New England and served as the chair of the unit's Flight Examining Board and Flight Standards Board.

Commander Murphy is a 2023 graduate of the U.S. Naval War College, where he earned a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies with distinction. He was awarded the Edward H. Bragg Award for Academic Excellence by a U.S. Coast Guard officer. Additionally, he holds a Master of Business Administration from Spring Hill College, where he was recognized as the Outstanding Graduate in 2022.

Commander Murphy is married to Dr. Allyson Murphy, they have four children: Quinn, Sloane, Lachlan, and Sullivan.