



## **Rear Admiral Michael E. Platt** **Commander, First Coast Guard District** **United States Coast Guard**



Rear Admiral Platt assumed the duties of Commander, First Coast Guard District in May 2024. He oversees all Coast Guard missions across eight states in the Northeast including over 2,000 miles of coastline from the U.S.-Canadian border to northern New Jersey and 1,300 miles offshore.

Rear Admiral Platt previously served as the Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security responsible for providing counsel to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary regarding policies, plans, and other affairs between the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense.

Rear Admiral Platt is a native of Boston and entered the Coast Guard through the College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative (CSPI). He graduated from Hampton University with a Bachelor of Science, American Military University with a Master of Science, and the National War College with a Master of Science in National Security Strategy. Rear Admiral Platt was also a Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI Fellow and an alumnus of Harvard University's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative.



Rear Admiral Platt has served at six Coast Guard aviation units, commanding both Air Station Detroit and Air Station Miami. During his career, he accumulated over 3,600 hours of flight time in the MH-65 helicopter and the HC- 144 airplane.

Prior to attending flight training, Rear Admiral Platt served as a boarding officer and deployable officer in charge with a Law Enforcement Detachment, and after completing National Search and Rescue School, served as a Command Duty Officer at Coast Guard Greater Antilles Section (GANTSEC) Command Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Rear Admiral Platt's staff tours include the First Coast Guard District's Incident Management Branch, Special Assistant to the 24th Commandant of the Coast Guard, Chief of the Homeland Defense Division and Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Executive Assistant to the Director of Governmental and Public Affairs, Executive Assistant to the 31st Vice Commandant, and Executive Assistant to the 26th Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Rear Admiral Platt has earned various personal, unit, and service awards, and has been designated an Honorary Chief Petty Officer.