



Captain Jonathan R. Harris

U.S. Coast Guard
Commandant of Cadets
U.S. Coast Guard Academy



Captain Harris assumed the duties as Commandant of Cadets at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in August 2026. In this role, he leads a staff of 75 personnel representing all segments of the Coast Guard workforce who deliver the Coast Guard Academy Leadership Development Program for the 1,000-member Cadet Regiment. The Cadet Division oversees the cadet daily routine, the Chase Hall Barracks, cadet military leadership, training, and conduct programs, cadet social and character development programs, the administrative and weapons staffs, and the sailing and seamanship branch along with associated intercollegiate athletic teams.



A Permanent Cutterman, Captain Harris has completed multiple tours of sea duty. His assignments include service as a Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC *Valiant* (WMEC-621); Commanding Officer, USCGC *Pike* (WPB-87365); summer training staff member aboard USCGC *Eagle* (WIX-327); Executive Officer, USCGC *Kukui* (WLB-203) and USCGC *Hamilton* (WMSL-753); and Commanding Officer of USCGC *Campbell* (WMEC-909). Ashore, Captain Harris has served twice at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Most recently, he was the Assistant Dean of Academics and member of the Rotating Military Faculty in the Mathematics Department. In a prior tour, he served as the Delta Company Officer.

Captain Harris is a 2010 graduate of the Eisenhower Leadership Development Program sponsored by the U.S. Military Academy and The Teachers College, Columbia University. He also served as a Graduate Teaching Fellow at Yale University. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Operations Research and Computer Analysis with High Honors from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Arts in Social Organizational Psychology from Columbia University, and a Master of Arts in Statistics from Yale University.

His personal awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon, all with the Operational Distinguishing Device, as well as numerous unit and service awards.

Captain Harris is a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is married to Dr. Ginger Denton Harris, a Professor in the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's Government Department. They have two children: a son, Hugh, and a daughter, Leigh.