



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 in August 2026. He serves as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's Senior Leadership Team while leading a staff of 80 personnel representing all segments of the Coast Guard workforce who deliver the Academy Leadership Development Program for the 1,000-member Cadet Regiment. The Cadet Division oversees the daily routine, Chase Hall Barracks, and all cadet military, professional, and character development programs. The division also manages the administrative, weapons, and music staffs, and the sailing and seamanship branch and its 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 of USCGC *Pike* (WPB-87365); summer training staff member aboard USCGC *Eagle* (WIX-327); Executive Officer of USCGC *Kukui* (WLB-203) and USCGC *Hamilton* (WMSL-753); and Commanding Officer of USCGC *Campbell* (WMEC-909). Ashore, Captain Harris most recently served as Executive Assistant to the Coast Guard Northeast District Commander. His shore assignments also include two tours at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where he served as Assistant Dean of Academics and as Rotating Military Faculty in the Mathematics Department, and earlier as the Delta Company Officer.

Captain Harris attended 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. Captain Harris 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 and his wife, Ginger, have two children: a son, Hugh, and a daughter, Leigh.