



Vice Admiral Nathan A. Moore

Deputy Commandant for Operations

U.S. Coast Guard



Vice Admiral Moore assumed the duties of Deputy Commandant for Operations (DCO) in April 2026. In this role, he is responsible for the development of operational strategies, policy, guidance, and resources that address national priorities within US Coast Guard jurisdiction. This oversight of the Coast Guard missions, programs, and services includes intelligence, international affairs, cybersecurity, the maritime transportation system, commercial regulations and inspections, search and rescue, maritime security, law enforcement, defense operations, environmental response, contingency planning, and the operational capabilities of cutter, small boats, aircraft, shore, and deployable specialized forces.



Vice Admiral Moore previously served as Commander, Atlantic Area, responsible for directing Coast Guard forces and operations across all mission areas in five Districts from the Navigable Inland Waterways east of the Rocky Mountains to the Great Lakes, Gulf Coast, and East Coast of the United States throughout the Atlantic Ocean and adjacent parts of the Arctic Ocean to the Arabian Gulf. He served as Commander, Coast Guard Defense Force East, providing Coast Guard support as part of the joint force to the Department of Defense and Combatant Commanders for national defense missions, and was the Director, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Joint Task Force Maritime responsible for coordinating and synchronizing DHS cross-component operations to address threats to the southeast U.S. border and approaches.

As a cutterman, Vice Admiral Moore served as a Student Engineer aboard USCGC Polar Star (WAGB 10), Engineer Officer aboard USCGC Harriet Lane (WMEC 903), Executive Officer of USCGC Venturous (WMEC 625), Commanding Officer aboard USCGC Resolute (WMEC 620), and most recently Commanding Officer of USCGC Stratton (WMSL 752).

Previous assignments include Deputy Commander, Atlantic Area; Commander, 17th Coast Guard District where he was responsible for Coast Guard operations throughout Alaska, the North Pacific Ocean, the Arctic Ocean, and the Bering Sea. He served as the Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics (CG-4), responsible for all naval, aeronautical, civil, and industrial engineering and logistics for the Service. Additionally, VADM Moore served as the Deputy Commander, Pacific Area where he was responsible for all Coast Guard missions from the Rocky Mountains west to the eastern coast of Africa.

Vice Admiral Moore graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in 1992. He holds both a Masters of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan and Masters of National Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School. His military decorations include five Legions of Merit, five Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and the Navy Commendation Medal. He has been a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Michigan since 1999.