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*UNITED STATES COAST GUARD*

## **CAPTAIN STEVEN J. ANDERSEN**

Captain Steven J. Andersen currently serves as the Commanding Officer of Legal Service Command in Norfolk, Virginia. He leads the Coast Guard's only nationwide legal command with 95 legal professionals in three locations. They provide legal support to the Coast Guard's mission support enterprise made up of 17,000 personnel, which extends from Headquarters to training centers to field support providers located at Bases and Logistics/Service Centers.



Prior to this assignment, he served one year at NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan in Kabul where he was chief of the command's anti-corruption efforts. Captain Andersen commanded Base Portsmouth from 2007-2010.

From 2004-2007 he was assigned as Deputy Chief of the Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic Legal Division, and he also served as a military judge. Prior assignments include senior operational law attorney for Atlantic Area and the Fifth District, judge advocate and Assistant Legal Officer at the Seventh District Office in Miami and Commanding Officer on CGC CAPE KNOX and CGC STURGEON BAY.

Captain Andersen graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1985 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He entered the Coast Guard legal program after receiving a Juris Doctor from George Mason University School of Law in 1997 and is a member of the Virginia Bar.

Individual military awards include the Bronze Star Medal (1), Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (4), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (2), and Coast Guard Achievement Medal (2). In 2001 he was selected as the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. In 2003 he was selected as the Outstanding Career Armed Services Attorney by the Judge Advocate Association. In 2012 he received the ABA Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate Award.

Captain Andersen and his wife Kim reside in Chesapeake, Virginia and have three adult children, Taylor, Regan, and Johanna. Their son Taylor is a CG Reserve ME1 assigned to PSU 305.