



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
Washington, DC 20593

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT

Everyone should expect and demand the opportunity to work, develop and achieve his or her full potential, whether serving as a member on active duty, drilling Reservist, civilian employee or Auxiliary volunteer. Adherence to Equal Opportunity principles and our core values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty, will promote positive command climates and enhance mission readiness and execution.

Everyone in the Coast Guard must work together to eliminate all forms of discrimination that violate law or policy and eliminate any actions that discriminatorily impact our workforce, those seeking Coast Guard employment and those receiving benefits from Coast Guard-sponsored programs.

All Coast Guard personnel shall:

- Reach out widely and in previously untapped markets to identify highly qualified applicants for enlistment, officer accession, civilian employment and Auxiliary enrollment;
- Recruit, retain, train, develop, promote, reward and deploy a highly capable, diverse workforce in a fair and consistent manner on the basis of merit;
- Provide reasonable accommodations for qualified applicants and employees with disabilities;
- Maintain a work environment free from unlawful discrimination, reprisal and harassment;
- Ensure all men and women of the Coast Guard are educated about their rights and responsibilities under federal civil rights laws; and
- Act promptly, appropriately and effectively to endorse this policy and to ensure personal accountability by members of the Coast Guard.

I expect every member of our workforce at all levels to respect their shipmates, treat them fairly and equally and hold those that do not demonstrate these values accountable.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. J. Papp, Jr.", is written over the printed name below.

R. J. PAPP, JR
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard