



Captain
Gordon A. Hood
Commanding Officer



Captain Hood is the Commanding Officer of Base Kodiak, Alaska, which is the Coast Guard's largest and most comprehensive military installation and the major logistics hub for operations across Alaska, the North Pacific, and the Arctic region.

He returned to Kodiak in June 2026 after serving as Executive Officer of Training Center Cape May, the Service's only boot camp, where he oversaw the highest level of recruit throughput in 35 years.

As a career Cutterman, CAPT Hood has furthered America's global strategy from the Arctic to the Arabian Gulf. With nearly a decade at sea, he previously commanded USCG Cutters KITTIWAKE (WPB 87316) in Kauai, Hawaii; OAK (WLB 211) in Newport, Rhode Island; and sailed as a temporary relief captain of HOLLYHOCK (WLB 214) in Port Huron, Michigan for icebreaking on the Great Lakes. He also served twice aboard SPAR (WLB 206) in Kodiak, Alaska, and was executive officer of WRANGELL (WPB 1332) forward deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While ashore, CAPT Hood has worked in organizational training and mission support. Past assignments include as an instructor on faculty at the U.S. Naval Academy, and as the assistant training director for the Coast Guard's largest Training Center in Yorktown, Virginia. He was also the National Aids to Navigation school chief, where he led the instruction and standardization programs for the operational workforce that maintains the constellation of buoys, beacons, & lighthouses that enhance national economic security by providing safe navigation along America's waterways.

CAPT Hood also served as Deputy Commodore for Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (CTG 55.1), headquartered in the Kingdom of Bahrain, where he led the team within U.S. FIFTH Fleet to equip, deploy, and support mission-ready Coast Guard forces conducting maritime security, smuggling interdiction, and professional engagement with international partners across the Middle East.

CAPT Hood graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2005 with a degree in marine and environmental science. He has also earned a Master of Science in organizational performance and workplace learning from Boise State University and a Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College.

In addition to military service awards and medals, CAPT Hood received the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration unit citation for hydrographic survey in the Arctic region and earned the U.S. Navy Craftmaster insignia as a yard patrol craft officer-in-charge. He is a permanent Cutterman and honorary lightship sailor.

CAPT Hood and his wife Arlene are New England natives and high school sweethearts. They married in 2005, have four children, and enjoy outdoor adventures together as a family.