



Captain Willie L. Carmichael

Chief of Staff

U.S. Coast Guard District Southeast



Captain Carmichael reported as the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard District Southeast on June 2024, headquartered in Miami, Florida. As Chief of Staff, he is responsible for the oversight of Coast Guard operations in the Southeast United States and the Caribbean basin and the leadership of a combined active duty, reserve, civilian and volunteer workforce of over 9,000 members. The Seventh District encompasses an area of 1.8 million square miles and shares operational borders with 34 Foreign Nations and Territories.

Prior to being selected as the D7 Chief of Staff, Captain Carmichael served as the D7 Chief of Response, where he directed the execution of Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security, Incident Management and Contingency Preparedness for Coast Guard assets operating in South Carolina, Georgia, the Florida Peninsula, Puerto Rico and the entire Caribbean Basin covering 1.8M miles.



Throughout his distinguished career, Captain Carmichael has held numerous high-profile command positions, exemplifying his leadership and expertise in maritime operations. His roles have included serving as the Commanding Officer of the USCGC MIDGETT (WMSL 757), CGC TAHOMA (WMEC 908), CGC JEFFERSON ISLAND (WPB-1340), CGC WRANGELL (WPB-1332), as well as the Commodore of the Patrol Forces Southwest Asia, where he played a pivotal role in operations throughout the Middle East.

With a career that spans over two decades, Captain Carmichael has amassed more than 14 years of sea duty, marking his tenure on nine different cutters and underscoring his profound commitment to maritime service. His extensive experience at sea is complemented by his significant contributions in various staff assignments, which include serving as the Coast Guard's Liaison Officer to the U.S. Southern Command and as the Program Manager for the Coast Guard's innovative High Tempo High Maintenance dual crewing initiative for eight patrol boats from 2008 to 2012.

Captain Carmichael's exceptional service has been recognized with several prestigious military awards, including Meritorious Service Medals, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and Commandant's Letters of Commendation, in addition to various team and unit accolades.

A proud native of Chesapeake, Virginia, Captain Carmichael's academic background is as impressive as his military career. He is an alumnus of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, graduating in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Math-Computer Science. He furthered his education by earning a Master's in Business Administration from American Military University, preparing him for the complex challenges of modern military leadership.