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Ready Today: Preparing for Tomorrow

Admiral Thad Allen Commandant U.S.C.G. broke his mission statement down into four categories.

Mission Execution is why we exist and has been since 1790. While the character of our service endures, we must adapt to the needs of the nations in the maritime domain. We will focus our entire organization, our force structure, doctrine, and processes, on improved mission execution.

People and Platforms are the foundations for the successful mission execution. We will develop the best trained, the most capable and technologically advanced fleet of multi-mission boats, ships, aircraft, and support systems the Coast Guard has ever had.

Mission Support enables our people to execute our missions. Every member of our Coast Guard is a critical link in the chain of mission execution. The dedication and work ethic of our people have sustained us through the years. We will now develop a forward looking support system built around our multi mission forces to meet the needs of our nation.

Organizational Character... Who We Are as we adapt to meet new mission requirements, we will retain our organizational character as a military, multi mission, maritime service. Our core values, principles of operations, and leadership competencies together with a bias for action remain fundamental to our success. This character has been tested from the rooftops of New Orleans to the Oil Platforms of the Persian Gulf. It sustains us.

The Commandant's key watchwords are *All Threats, All Hazards, Always Ready (Semper Paratus)*.

**Commandant's
Intent**

I am deeply honored to serve you and the American people as the 23rd Coast Guard Commandant. I pledge to you my passion, devotion, and energy to ensure you have the best possible tools, support, and leadership to carry out your missions, whenever you sit in our Service.

Situational Assessment:

Let me be frank and very clear: We operate in a strategic environment that has changed dramatically in the past five years and will continue to change this requires continuous adaptation from the Coast Guard. I realize there has been extensive change in our service in the past decade and the new Sector structure is still “breaking in.” However, we live in a world of dynamic threats and hazards and must adapt accordingly. We will not change for change’s sake but purposefully, with strategic intent and always focused on our first priority and duty to the Nation: Mission Execution.

Strategic Drivers:

The Global War on Terrorism, Maritime Transportation Security Act, Homeland Security Act, National Strategy for Homeland Security, and the National Strategy for Maritime Security have mandated new areas of mission emphasis for us. Your extraordinarily successful operation in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and to Hurricane Katrina in 2005 significantly elevated our visibility and the demand for our services across all levels of government. Our unique blend of capabilities, competencies, and authorities applied across multiple missions are recognized and valued as never before. As a result, expectations for our performance and contributions in routine and crisis operations are greater than ever. Meeting new demands while sustaining the trust and confidence of the public we serve requires us to continually challenge ourselves and improve the way we do business.

My Strategic Vision:

We will focus our entire organization on improving and sustaining Mission Execution. We will do this by structuring our service as a three pronged force: shore-based operations, maritime operations, and deployable operations. We’ve taken bold steps forward by creating Sectors for shore based operations. We’ve taken equally bold steps by advancing the Deepwater acquisition for maritime presence, patrol, and response. And we’ve created truly deployable forces. We must now expand our deployable force capabilities support them with proper doctrine, logistics, training, and exercises.

**Commandant's
Intent (Continued)**

My Strategic Vision (Continued)

Across all of our forces, we will partner with other services and agencies to integrate our efforts to further optimize the mission execution of this three pronged force, we will assess our command and control structure. We will also reevaluate and realign our mission support system, including organizational structures, human resources, maintenance, logistics, financial management and information systems. Each of you, regardless of your pay grade, job or rating, or where you sit in our organization, is critical to our mission success. You must have the tools and support you need to your job. We will ensure Coast Guard men and women are the best trained and most versatile work force in government, equipped with the most capable fleet of multi-mission ships, aircraft, boats, and with our Department, sister services, and partner agencies. I have already assigned responsibility for a substantial list of specific initiatives to our Flag and SES corps. Information on these initiatives will follow shortly and I will keep you updated on their progress.

We have an extraordinary legacy of excellence as America's Coast Guard. We will continue to build on that legacy. We will rise to meet all the challenges confronting us. Let's turn to. Semper Paratus!

Admiral Thad Allen

- Change is on its way, hold on for the ride!
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1. The Commandant's key watchwords are _____ .
 - A. All Situations, All Obstructions, All Obstacles (Semper, Paratus)
 - B. Any Place, Any Time, Always Ready (Semper, Paratus)
 - C. All Threats, All Obstacles, Always Ready (Semper, Paratus)
 - D. All Threats, All Hazards, Always Ready (Semper, Paratus)



Answer Key

2. The Commandant's key watchwords are _____ .
- E. All Situations, All Obstructions, All Obstacles (Semper, Paratus)
 - F. Any Place, Any Time, Always Ready (Semper, Paratus)
 - G. All Threats, All Obstacles, Always Ready (Semper, Paratus)
 - H. **All Threats, All Hazards, Always Ready (Semper, Paratus)**