

**Captain Joseph T. McGilley, USCG  
Commanding Officer  
Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater**



**Captain McGilley currently serves as the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard's largest and busiest Air Station, executing the Coast Guard's missions throughout the Southeast, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean and Central America. His next assignment is as Chief of Aeronautical Engineering for the United States Coast Guard in Washington, DC.**

**He previously served as the Chief of Response for the Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland, Ohio, responsible for the coordination and execution of all Coast Guard Search and Rescue, environmental, security and maritime law enforcement in the Great Lakes region.**

**Other Command and Staff tours included serving as the Chief of Incident Management for the Ninth District, and as Executive Officer (2014) and Commanding Officer (2015 – 2017) of Naval Training Squadron TWO, Pensacola, FL, only the fifth Coast Guard officer to command a Navy squadron.**

**His first operational assignment was here at U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, Florida (1997-2000), where he also completed training to become a designated U. S. Coast Guard Aeronautical Engineering Officer.**

**Other tours included Assistant Aviation Engineering Officer at Coast Guard Activities San Diego (2000-2003); Aviation Engineering Officer at Air Station Astoria, Oregon (2007 – 2010); Airworthiness Branch Chief and Chief Engineer for the HH-60J helicopter at the Coast Guard's Aviation Logistics Center, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, (2005 – 2007) , H60 Program Manager (2010-2012) and Chief, Systems Management, Office of Aeronautical Engineering (CG-411, 2012-2014) at Coast Guard Headquarters.**

**A Philadelphia, Pennsylvania native, Captain McGilley graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School in 1987, and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in May 1991. He worked in industry as an aeronautical engineer with General Dynamics' Fort Worth, Texas, Aerospace Division before enlisting in the Coast Guard in May 1995. He attended Coast Guard sponsored advanced education at Purdue University's Graduate School of Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, West Lafayette, Indiana, graduating with a Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in May 2005.**

**His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy and Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three awards), Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and numerous other service and units awards. He is married to Carol (Mrachko) McGilley of Brecksville, Ohio, and has two daughters, Claire (22) and Meghan (20).**