



Captain Austin Gould

Chief of Staff, Seventh Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard



Captain Gould became the Coast Guard Seventh District Chief of Staff in May 2016, responsible for oversight of Coast Guard operations and in the Southeastern United States and Caribbean and the leadership of a combined active duty, reserve, civilian and volunteer workforce of 10,000 people. Prior to his current assignment, Captain Gould served as the Commander of Coast Guard Sector Miami. As the Sector Commander, he was directly responsible for Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, and Pollution Response missions throughout the dynamic Southeast Florida region. He also served as the Captain of the Port for four ports, including two of the largest cruise ship ports in the world, Miami and Port Everglades.

His first assignment in 1988 was as a Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC VIGOROUS (WMEC 627). His career changed course when he was assigned as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Station New York in 1993. This ashore command later resulted in his assignment as the Surface Operations Officer at Group-Air-Station Atlantic City from 2001 to 2003. He continued his service as the Boat Forces Platform Manager (CG-731) from 2003 to 2007, where he was responsible for the procurement, standardization, and maintenance of the Coast Guard's fleet of approximately 2,000 boats. CAPT Gould served as the Deputy Sector Commander at Coast Guard Sector Baltimore from May 2007 to May 2009, and prior to assignment as Sector Commander of Coast Guard Sector Miami, he was assigned to the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Program Manager at Coast Guard Headquarters from 2009 through 2013.

Captain Gould's other administrative assignments include the Assistant Director of Auxiliary, First District, Southern Region, on Governors Island, New York, from 1990 to 1993. He also served as the Business Manager for the 47-Foot Motor Lifeboat Procurement project from 1996 to 1998 and as the Coast Guard's Governmental Affairs Liaison for the Coast Guard Congressional Affairs Staff from 1998 to 2001. During the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Spill of National Significance in the Gulf of Mexico, he served on the National Incident Command staff in Washington, DC.

Captain Gould is a 1988 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Government. In 1996, he earned a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance with an International Business co-major from the Stern School of Business at New York University. In 2011, he earned his Acquisition Level III Program Manager Certification from the Department of Homeland Security.

Captain Gould's personal military awards include five Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation medals, the Department of Transportation 9-11 Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Coast Guard Letter of Commendation.

Captain Gould is a native of New Fairfield, Connecticut, and the son of Kathleen Gould and the late Austin Gould. He is married to Kathryn Dunbar, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.) of Columbia, South Carolina. They have four children: Grace, Ella, Austin III, and Harriet.