

Coast Guard JROTC



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There are no ROTC programs sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard. However, there is a Direct Commissioning program for graduates of maritime academies. This is available to individuals who hold a degree from a qualifying state or federal Maritime Academy and hold a Third Mate or Third Assistant Engineer license, or a degree major in Marine Environmental Protection or a related field. Maritime Academy Graduates have education and training that enhances the Coast Guard's ability to carry out its operational missions. Individuals selected serve as Coast Guard Reserve Officers on full-time active duty.

The United States Coast Guard does currently have two CGJROTC Units; one located in Miami, Florida, and the other in Camden County, North Carolina. The first unit, the Claude Pepper Junior Leadership Pilot Program (CPJLPP) was created at the Maritime and Science Technology Academy (MAST Academy) located in Virginia Key, Miami, Fl. The CPJLPP was created December 1989 with the passing of Pub. L. 101-225, title II, Sec. 204. This congressional mandate formed the CPJLPP which was modeled off of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) units of other Services. MAST, a Magnet School is a "Top 100," nationally recognized high school with over 95% of its student body college bound immediately after graduation. The huge minority base of the student population routinely receives scholarships to prestigious colleges and universities. The curriculum provides the students a challenging environment in which to learn.

The second unit, The Junior Reserve Officer Training Pilot Program (JROTPP), now referred to as the Junior Leadership Program (JLP) was created at the Camden County High School (CCHS) on 19 April 2010 in following the legislation in Pub. L. 109-241, title IV, Sec. 401. This congressional mandate formed the JLP which was modeled off of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) units of other Services. The JLP is broken up into two semesters and each student takes JLP classes for one semester a school year. During their "off" semester, the students are expected to participate in calisthenics, drill and extra-curricular activities. CCHS has had the

highest rate of graduation in the local Elizabeth City, N.C. area. The JLP currently uses a Battalion rank structure, with ranks and ribbons being used in conjunction with Navy JROTC. The current Battalion Commander is cadet 1st Class Ian P. Hodgkins. The current Deputy Battalion Commander is Cadet 1st Class Walker Bladen Harnly.

Both JROTC programs educate high school students on leadership, citizenship, nautical science, history of the United States Coast Guard and its parent services, roles of the Department of Homeland Security, close order drill and general military knowledge.