

Instructions for the nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation asks you to provide typed answers to each of the following questions. It is requested that the nominee type the question in full before each response. Do not leave any questions blank. Type "None" or "No" if a question does not apply to the nominee. Return printed answers to Committee. Begin each section (i.e., "A", "B", etc.) on a new sheet of paper.

#### **A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Name: Eric Cooper Jones
2. Position to which nominated: Rear Admiral
3. Date of Nomination:
4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):

Office: Office of the Secretary (MIL)  
Department of Homeland Security  
3801 Nebraska Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20528

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5. Date and Place of Birth: February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1965; Twentynine Palms, CA
  6. Provide the name, position, and place of employment for your spouse (if married) and the names and ages of your children (including stepchildren and children by a previous marriage).

I am not married, but live with my fiancée and partner of seven years, to marry April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Christina Wenderoth [fiancée]: Civilian employee (GS-13) at Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC.

Audrey Marie Jones [daughter]: Age 24

Alton Joseph Jones [son]: Age 19

Spencer Bradford Jones [son]: Age 19

7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended.

Master of Business Administration, 2005, Sloan School of Management  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Master of Science in Applied Mathematics, 1993, Brown University

Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering (with High Honors), 1987,

United States Coast Guard Academy

8. List all post-undergraduate employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.

Jun 17 - present: Military Advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC

May 14 - Jun 17: Executive Assistant to USCG Deputy Commandant for Operations, Washington, DC

Jul 12 - May 14: Assistant Superintendent, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT

Jun 09 - Jul 12: Commanding Officer, USCG Cutter EAGLE, New London, CT

Jun 07 - Jun 09: Deputy Chief, USCG Office of Congressional & Governmental Affairs, Washington, DC

Jul 05 - May 07: Deputy Chief, USCG Office of Budget and Programs, Washington, DC

Jun 02 - May 04: Commanding Officer, USCG Cutter HARRIET LANE, Portsmouth, VA

Aug 99 - May 02: Workforce & Operations Reviewer, USCG Office of Budget and Programs, Washington, DC

Dec 97 - Jul 99: Executive Officer, USCG Cutter FORWARD, Portsmouth, VA

May 96 - Aug 97: Executive Officer, USCG Cutter EAGLE, New London, CT

Jan 93 - May 96: Mathematics Instructor/Sailing Coach, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT

Feb 89 - Aug 91: Commanding Officer, USCG Cutter TYBEE, San Diego, CA

Jun 87 - Feb 89: Deck Watch Officer, 1st Lieutenant & Boarding Officer, USCG Cutter VENTUROUS, Long Beach, CA

All positions listed above have been management-level jobs.

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

My official Coast Guard biography is attached.

10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above, within the last five years.

None.

11. List all positions held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business, enterprise, educational, or other institution within the last five years.

Organization Name	City/State	Organization Type	Position Held	From	To
Tall Ships America	Newport, RI	Non-profit	Member, Board of Director	01/2013	Present
Christian Relief Services Charities	Alexandria, VA	Non-profit	Member, Board of Director	06/2014	Present
Coast Guard Cuttermen Association	Alexandria, VA	Non-profit	Treasurer and Member, Board of Director	01/2016	12/2017
Running Strong for American Indian Youth	Alexandria, VA	Non-profit	Member, Board of Director	10/2016	Present
Family Trust	Occoquan, VA	Non-profit	Trustee	1/2019	Present

12. Please list each membership you have had during the past ten years or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religious organization, private club, or other membership organization. Include dates of membership and any positions you have held with any organization. *Please note whether any such club or organization restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or handicap.*

US Sailing (formerly USYRU): Member 1984 to present  
 U.S. Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association: Member 1987 to present  
 Sigma Xi: Member, 1993 to present (intermittent membership)  
 Surface Navy Association: Member 2003 to present  
 Navy League of the United States: Member, 2007 to present (intermittent membership)  
 Boy Scouts of America, Narragansett Council, Troop 9: Adult Leader 2009 to present  
 National Maritime Historical Society: Member 2009 to present  
 Tall Ships America (formerly American Sail Training Association):  
 Member 2009 to present; Director 2013 to present  
 Coast Guard Cuttermen Association: Member 2010 to 2017; Treasurer 2016 to 2017  
 (organization merged with Surface Navy Association in 2017)  
 Mystic Seaport: Member 2010 to present

New York Yacht Club: Member 2010 to present  
 Stonington Harbor Yacht Club: Member 2010 to present; Rear Commodore 2013  
 Ariston Speaking Club: Member, 2012 to present  
 Christian Relief Services Charities: Director 2014 to present  
 Marines Memorial Association: Member 2014 to present  
 Naval Order of the United States: Member 2015 to present  
 Running Strong for American Indian Youth: Director 2016 to present

None of these organizations restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, non-elected, or appointed)? If so, indicate whether any campaign has any outstanding debt, the amount, and whether you are personally liable for that debt.

No.

14. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$500 or more for the past ten years. Also list all offices you have held with, and services rendered to, a state or national political party or election committee during the same period.

None.

15. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

Legion of Merit Medals (3)	May 2014, July 2012, June 2017
Meritorious Service Medals (4)	June 2009, May 2007, April 2004, June 2002
Coast Guard Commendation Medals (4)	June 1999, July 1997, April 1996, August 1991
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal	December 2005
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal	January 2005
National Defense Service Medal	May 2002, February 1991
Armed Forces Service Medal	May 2018
Humanitarian Service Medals (2)	December 1992, May 2018
Coast Guard Achievement Medal	June 1989
Coast Guard Rifle Expert Medal	August 1988
Coast Guard Pistol Expert Medal	May 1985

16. Please list each book, article, column, or publication you have authored, individually or with others. Also list any speeches that you have given on topics relevant to the

position for which you have been nominated. Do not attach copies of these publications unless otherwise instructed.

Speech, "Cyclones... and Wildfires... and Lava... Oh my! Department of Defense Support to Homeland Security," October 2018

Speech, "The Coast Guard's Most Famous Rescue of Which You've Never Heard," October 2017

Speech, "Cyber Vulnerabilities in the Maritime Domain," March 2016

Speech, "The Savvy Public Servant: *Maintaining Perspective Amidst Bureaucratic Chaos*," October 2015

Speech, "The Gentleman Rogue of EAGLE's Family Tree," May 2014

Article (Co-Authored), "The Uncoachable Moment," *Proceedings*, Naval Institute Press, September 2012

Book (Co-Authored), *EAGLE Seamanship*, Fourth Edition, Naval Institute Press, 2011

Article, "Twenty-First Century Sail Training," *World Ship Review*, World Ship Trust, June 2011

Article, "Six Weeks Before the Mast," *The Bulletin*, USCGA Alumni Association, April 2010

Thesis, "International Economic Effects of Halting the Voyage of CSAV RIO PUELO," Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 2005

17. Please identify each instance in which you have testified orally or in writing before Congress in a governmental or non-governmental capacity and specify the date and subject matter of each testimony.

None.

18. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency to which you have been nominated, what in your background or employment experience do you believe affirmatively qualifies you for appointment to the position for which you have been nominated, and why do you wish to serve in that position?

I am fortunate, throughout my 31 years as a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard, to have served in a wide range of operational, management and training positions. I have over twelve years of operational service at sea, conducting search & rescue, counter drug, migrant interdiction, maritime security and fisheries enforcement missions. Over the course of ten years at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and aboard the sail training ship Barque EAGLE, I have taught Mathematics and Leadership, coached intercollegiate and offshore sailing, overseen professional development programs for future Coast Guard officers, and fulfilled senior management responsibilities for four-year baccalaureate and NCAA Division III athletic programs at one of the four federal service academies. While assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters and the Department of Homeland Security Headquarters in Washington DC, I have continued to develop my enterprise management skills by serving as a

personnel and operational policy program reviewer, serving as Deputy Chief of both the Coast Guard's Budget & Programs and Congressional Affairs offices, and serving as the Executive Assistant to the Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Operations. Most recently, my experience as the Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security has allowed me to participate in executive decision making pertaining to emerging issues spanning the Department's myriad points of coordination with the Department of Defense and the larger interagency on both policy and operational issues, planning for and responding to national contingencies and natural disasters. Over the course of the years in building this base of experience and leadership, my passion for and commitment to the Coast Guard's missions, as well as to its dedicated men and women, has only grown. I am honored to have been nominated to serve in the Service's senior leadership and enthusiastic to be assigned to a position in which I can best contribute to the Coast Guard's daily mission success and long-term strategic goals.

19. What do you believe are your responsibilities, if confirmed, to ensure that the department/agency has proper management and accounting controls, and what experience do you have in managing a large organization?

Regardless as to the position to which I'm assigned, I am very aware of my continuing responsibility to ensure that the Coast Guard's resources - capital, personnel and financial - are carefully and properly husbanded, allocated to the Service's highest priority needs and monitored to assess their effectiveness in achieving Coast Guard annual performance metrics. In meeting these obligations, I will rely upon my experience overseeing the Coast Guard's budget while assigned to the Office of Budget & Programs, as well as detailed management of budgets and mission performance while assigned to Coast Guard cutters, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and within the Office of the Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Operations.

20. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency, and why?

First and foremost, the Coast Guard must continue to seek innovative means to ensure the safety and security of both the Maritime Transportation System and the public through close engagement with maritime industry, as well as appropriately measured regulatory actions. This is particularly important given expanding energy, fisheries and tourism activities in the Arctic's Chukchi and Beaufort Seas, as well as the advent of new technologies for oil and gas extraction that have transformed the United States into a net energy exporter.

The next most pressing challenge facing the Coast Guard is developing and retaining a skilled cyber workforce to defend against persistent and evolving threats to the information systems of both the Coast Guard and the Nation's Maritime Transportation System. Our national economy is inextricably linked to the smooth

flow of commerce into and out of our ports; these facilities, as well as the ships that load and discharge cargoes, rely upon information technology for every aspect of their operations. Likewise, given the growing size of ships and increasing Western Rivers and Arctic maritime traffic, the potential consequences of a cyber-related maritime incident demand the Coast Guard develop the capabilities and capacity to meet the strategic priorities of the Service's Cyber Strategy.

Finally, to ensure that the Coast Guard is able to live up to its reputation and long-standing motto of "semper paratus," the service must conduct the analyses and workforce development necessary to determine the size and skill sets needed to meet daily Service operational demands across Nation, as well as to maintain the surge capability to be able to effectively respond to major contingencies – whether natural or man-made. Such a Force Planning Construct must address the required contributions from each component of the Coast Guard's workforce: active duty and reserve servicemembers, civilian employees, and Coast Guard Auxiliarists.

## **B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

1. Describe all financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, and other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. Please include information related to retirement accounts.

Please see my nominee Public Financial Disclosure Report.

2. Do you have any commitments or agreements, formal or informal, to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association or other organization during your appointment? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Indicate any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which could involve potential conflicts of interest in the position to which you have been nominated.

None.

4. Describe any business relationship, dealing, or financial transaction which you have had during the last ten years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that could in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated.

None.

5. Describe any activity during the past ten years in which you have been engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation or affecting the administration and execution of law or public policy.

From 2007 to 2009, I was assigned as Deputy Chief in the Coast Guard Office of Congressional Affairs. During this time, I represented and advocated for cleared administration positions on pending legislation and maintained an active dialogue with Congressional staffs and, occasionally, Members of Congress. All my advocacy was in support of cleared administration positions.

I have also actively participated in preparing Coast Guard and Department of Homeland Security witnesses for Congressional hearings and briefers for Congressional Members and staffs concerning matters within the cognizance of the Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security. Outside Coast Guard and Homeland Security official duties, I have not participated in any activities to influence legislation.

6. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including any that may be disclosed by your responses to the above items.

I will obtain advice from a Coast Guard ethics official and follow that advice.

### C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics by, or been the subject of a complaint to any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please explain.

No.

2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, or municipal entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Have you or any business of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation? If so, please explain.

No.

4. Have you ever been convicted (including pleas of guilty or *nolo contendere*) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

5. Have you ever been accused, formally or informally, of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis? If so, please explain.

No.

6. If you ever served as a general court-martial convening authority involving an offense involving sexual misconduct or assault, have you ever disapproved the findings of a court-martial related to the offense(s) or reduced the sentence adjudged by a court-martial, other than in connection with a pre-trial agreement?

No.

7. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be disclosed in connection with your nomination.

I have no additional information for the Committee's consideration at this time.

#### **D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE**

1. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees?

To the best of my abilities, and within my authorities, I will.

2. Will you ensure that your department/agency does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistle blowers from reprisal for their testimony and disclosures?

To the best of my abilities, and within my authorities, I will.

3. Will you cooperate in providing the Committee with requested witnesses, including technical experts and career employees, with firsthand knowledge of matters of interest to the Committee?

To the best of my abilities, and within my authorities, I will.

4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?

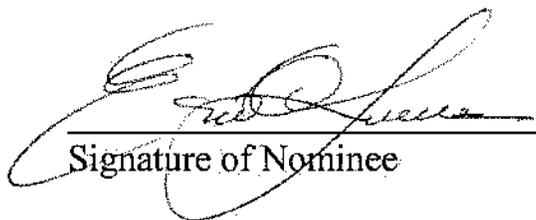
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(Nominee is to include this signed affidavit along with answers to the above questions.)

**F. Affidavit**

ERIC C. JONES being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.

  
Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

  
Notary Public

CYNTHIA A. MARTIN  
NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
My Commission Expires August 31, 2022



## Rear Admiral Eric C. Jones

Military Advisor to the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security



Rear Admiral Jones assumed the duties of Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security in June 2017. His primary responsibility is to provide counsel to the Secretary regarding policies, plans, and other affairs between the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense.

A native of Half Moon Bay, California, Rear Admiral Jones is a 1987 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Engineering from the Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Science in Applied Mathematics and Fluid Dynamics from Brown University, and a Master of Business Administration from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan Fellows Program in Innovation and Global Leadership. He is also a graduate of the Naval War College Command and Staff Nonresident Seminar Program and a 2001-2002 Fellow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI on Foreign Politics, International Relations, and the National Interest.



Rear Admiral Jones' assignments ashore include: Mathematics and Leadership Instructor at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut; Workforce and Operations Reviewer, Division of Program Review, Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; Deputy Chief, Office of Budget and Programs, Coast Guard Headquarters; Chief, Division of Program Review, Coast Guard Headquarters; and Deputy Chief, Office of Congressional and Government Affairs, Coast Guard Headquarters. Rear Admiral Jones served as the Assistant Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy from 2012 to 2014. From 2014 to 2017, he served as the Executive Assistant to the Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Operations at Coast Guard Headquarters.

His afloat assignments include: First Lieutenant aboard USCGC *Venturous* (WMEC 625) in Long Beach, California; Commanding Officer and Plankowner of USCGC *Tybee* (WPB-1330) in San Diego, California; Navigator and Executive Officer of the Coast Guard's three-masted sail training barque USCGC *Eagle* (WIX 327) in New London, Connecticut; Executive Officer of USCGC *Forward* (WMEC 911) in Portsmouth, Virginia; Commanding Officer of USCGC *Harriet Lane* (WMEC 903), in Portsmouth, Virginia; and Commanding Officer of USCGC *Eagle* (WIX 327) from 2009 until 2012. Rear Admiral Jones holds an unlimited tonnage Master Mariner license for oceangoing vessels, sail and power.

Rear Admiral Jones' personal awards include three Legions of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon, and various service and unit awards.

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## **Rear Admiral (Select) Eric C. Jones, USCG**

### **Current Assignment**

2017-present: Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security, Washington, DC

### **Assignment History**

2014-17: Executive Assistant to USCG Deputy Commandant for Operations, Washington, DC  
2012-14: Assistant Superintendent, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT  
2009-12: Commander Officer, USCG Cutter EAGLE, New London, CT  
2007-09: Deputy Chief, USCG Office of Congressional & Governmental Affairs, Washington, DC  
2005-07: Deputy Chief, USCG Office of Budget and Programs, Washington, DC  
2002-04: Commanding Officer, USCG Cutter HARRIET LANE, Portsmouth, VA  
1999-02: Workforce & Operations Reviewer, USCG Office of Budget and Programs, Washington, DC  
1997-99: Executive Officer, USCG Cutter FORWARD, Portsmouth, VA  
1996-97: Executive Officer, USCG Cutter EAGLE, New London, CT  
1993-96: Mathematics Instructor/Sailing Coach, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT  
1989-91: Commanding Officer, USCG Cutter TYBEE, San Diego, CA  
1987-89: Deck Watch Officer, 1st Lieutenant & Board Officer, USCG Cutter VENTUROUS, Long Beach, CA

### **Educational Summary**

2004-05 MIT Sloan School of Management, Master of Business Administration (Thesis)  
1991-93 Brown University, Master of Science in Applied Mathematics  
1983-87 U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering (with High Honors)

### **Military Personal Awards and Significant National Recognition or Achievement**

2014, 2012, 2017 Legion of Merit Medals (3)  
2009, 2007, 2004, 2002 Meritorious Service Medals (4)  
1999, 1997, 1996, 1991 Coast Guard Commendation Medals (4)  
1992 Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon  
1989 Coast Guard Achievement Medal

2011 Tall Ships America Sail Trainer of the Year  
2001-02 MIT Seminar XXI Fellow  
1994-97 U.S. Naval War College Command & Staff Non-resident Seminar  
1994 U.S. Naval Order Instructor of the Year, U.S. Coast Guard Academy

### **Significant Current Professional Credentials or Recent Activities**

Member, Board of Directors & Audit Committee, Christian Relief Services Charities  
Member, Board of Directors, Running Strong for American Indian Youth  
Member, Board of Directors, Tall Ships America (formerly American Sail Training Association)  
Member, Surface Navy Association  
Member, U.S. Navy League  
Member, Naval Order of the United States  
Member, US Sailing

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**Significant Current Professional Credentials or Recent Activities (Continued)**

Co-Authored, "The Uncoachable Moment:," *Proceedings*, Naval Institute Press, September 2012

Published, "Six Weeks Before the Mast," *The Bulletin*, USCGA Alumni Assoc, April 2010

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