

**Senate Commerce Committee Coast Guard Nominee Questionnaire,
116th Congress**

Instructions for 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 "Not Applicable" 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 (Include any former names or nicknames used):

Mark John Fedor (my childhood nickname which followed me to the Coast Guard Academy was "Bomber")

2. Position to which nominated: Rear Admiral Lower Half

3. Date of Nomination: October 15, 2019

4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses): I am currently a geobachelor and my family remained at my last duty station so my two older children could finish high school.

Personal Residence (Rent): [REDACTED]

Home Residence for my Family (Own): [REDACTED]

Work:

Commandant (CG-00EA)
U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7000
2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington DC 20593-7000

5. Date and Place of Birth: 06 December, 1969 in Flushing, Queens, NYC.

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).

Spouse: Amy Kathryn Fedor (nee Wilkins). Currently a stay-at-home mother.

Children:

Tyler John Fedor: 18
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

- U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Graduated in 1991 with a BS in Government.
- Harvard Kennedy School of Government: Graduated in 2001 with Masters in Public Administration.
- National War College: Graduated in 2011 with Masters in National Security Strategy.

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.

I have served as a Coast Guard officer since 22 May 1991. Please see my official Coast Guard biography for detailed information.

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 ten 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 ten years.

None.

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. (For this question, you do not have to list your religious affiliation or membership in a religious house of worship or institution.). 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.

- Member of U.S. Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association: 1991 to present.
- Member of Harvard Kennedy School of Government Alumni Association: 2001 to present.

- Member of Surface Navy Association: 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. List all memberships and offices held with and services rendered to, whether compensated or not, any political party or election committee within the past ten years. If you have held a paid position or served in a formal or official advisory position (whether compensated or not) in a political campaign within the past ten years, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, year of the campaign, and your title and responsibilities.

None.

15. 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.

None.

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

Coast Guard Expert Pistol Medal
Coast Guard Humanitarian Service Medal
National Defense Medal
Coast Guard Achievement Medal
Coast Guard Commendation Medal
Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal
Legion of Merit

17. Please list each book, article, column, Internet blog posting, or other publication you have authored, individually or with others. Include a link to each publication when possible. 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.

November 2011: Delivered a speech to Key West Military Affairs Committee

March 2013: Delivered speech at Coast Guard Chiefs Call to Initiation Ceremony in Key West

March 2017: Delivered speech to Charleston Chapter of U.S. Navy League

April 2017: Delivered speech to James Island Chamber of Commerce in South Carolina

March 2018: Delivered speech to Chiefs Call to Initiation Ceremony in Charleston, SC

I have given other speeches to various entities (Chambers of Commerce, Navy League, and other civic organizations) over the course of my career but don't recall specific dates. I wore my uniform for all these speeches and my remarks focused on the official Coast Guard activities that I was involved with during that time.

18. List digital platforms (including social media and other digital content sites) on which you currently or have formerly operated an account, regardless of whether or not the account was held in your name or an alias. Include the name of an "alias" or "handle" you have used on each of the named platforms. Indicate whether the account is active, deleted, or dormant. Include a link to each account if possible.

I currently have active Facebook and LinkedIn accounts. Both are readily accessed by searching for the name Mark Fedor.

19. 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.

20. 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 believe I am qualified to serve as a Flag Officer in the United States Coast Guard based on my extensive operational and administrative background within the Service. I have served on six ships and commanded three of those. My staff positions have steadily increased in responsibility over the course of my career with broad impacts on operations as well as budgetary and policy development. I earned two Masters Degrees (Public Administration and National Security Strategy) which allowed me to broaden my understanding of the Coast Guard's role in relationship to the private sector as well as within the federal government.

21. 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?

As a military officer, I have always believed I was responsible to the American people for sound financial practices, operational efficiency, and being a steward of the public trust.

The American people need to trust that our military members are apolitical and will follow all legal orders regardless of the political party in the White House or Congress. I personally take that responsibility very seriously and actively talk to my peers and subordinates about it as well. While commanding ships, I've had 100+ Coast Guard members under my command and while in office settings, I've either had responsibility for the actions of hundreds of people or had indirect influence over their performance. I understand how a military service operates and how we must follow civilian leadership in the Department we're operating under.

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

The first challenge is talent management. At a time when unemployment is at historic lows and fewer families have or know of people who have served in the military, it's becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and retain the best young people for a military career. The Coast Guard has always been successful because of the quality of our people and we must continue to look for those dedicated individuals – from all walks of life and various backgrounds – who are willing to serve their country. We must appeal to their sense of duty while offering them opportunities to reach their personal and professional goals.

The next major challenge is readiness. We have assumed more responsibility across all of our missions in an increasingly challenging and complex world but we haven't been able to secure the appropriate funding levels to properly support those efforts. While we are grateful for the Administration's and the Congress' support of major capitol acquisitions, our operating funds have lagged behind and this manifests itself as a readiness deficit; less operating money for training, maintenance, and the welfare of our people. This has to change in order for the United States to have the Coast Guard it deserves.

The final challenge is related to readiness but more specifically, we require a major recapitalization of our IT systems. While our newer operational assets reflect modern technology, our administrative IT backbone and databases are ancient technology. Most of our systems are stand-alone databases, unreliable, and unable to communicate with each other. Data mining is not an effective option for us so we lose efficiencies since we're unable to detect trend lines across the entirety of our operational and mission support programs. Our adversaries won't wait for us so we have to do better to keep pace with a dynamic operating environment.

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 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. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

None. If there is a potential conflict of interest, I will obtain advice from a Coast Guard ethics official and follow that advice.

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. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

None. If there is a potential conflict of interest, I will obtain advice from a Coast Guard ethics official and follow that advice.

5. Identify any other potential conflicts of interest, and explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

None, I will obtain advice from a Coast Guard ethics official and follow that advice.

6. Describe any activity during the past ten years, including the names of clients represented, 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.

None.

C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics, professional misconduct, or retaliation by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, the Office of Special Counsel, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If yes:
 - a. Provide the name of agency, association, committee, or group;
 - b. Provide the date the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action was issued or initiated;
 - c. Describe the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action;
 - d. Provide the results of the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action.

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 or nonprofit of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding, criminal 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.

None.

D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE

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

Yes.

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?

Yes.

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?

Yes.

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?

Yes.

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

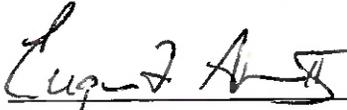
F. Affidavit

MARK J. FEDOR 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.



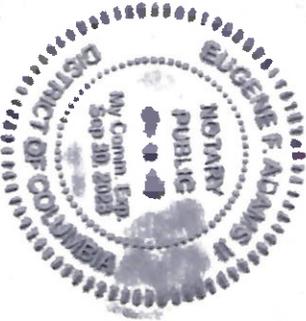
Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14th day of November, 2019.



Notary Public

Eugene F. Adams II
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires 9/30/2023





MARK J. FEDOR
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard

Captain Fedor is currently serving as the Executive Assistant to Admiral Karl L. Schultz, the 26th Commandant of the Coast Guard. In that role, he is responsible for the strategic direction, planning, and daily activities of the Commandant's staff. Prior to reporting to Washington, Captain Fedor was the Commanding Officer of the National Security Cutter JAMES (WMSL 754) in Charleston, S.C. During his command, JAMES earned the Hopley Yeaton award for operational excellence as well as the United States Interdiction Coordinator award for counter-narcotics operations in the Eastern Pacific. A career cutterman, he has nearly 12 years of sea-time to include three commands.

Prior to his tour on the JAMES, Captain Fedor was the Chief of Response for the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami, FL. In that capacity, he was responsible for all Coast Guard law enforcement, search and rescue, and maritime incident management along the southeastern seaboard and throughout the Caribbean. His operational assignments include being Commanding Officer of the cutter MOHAWK, Executive Officer on the cutter LEGARE, Commanding Officer of the patrol boat MONOMOY, Operations Officer onboard the cutter DURABLE, and First Lieutenant onboard the cutter DAUNTLESS.

His staff tours include being an Intelligence Analyst in Miami, FL, Military Aide to the Coast Guard's Seventh District Commander, the Coast Guard's Fiscal Year 2004 federal budget coordinator in Washington D.C., a Congressional Fellow to the House of Representatives' Government Reform Subcommittee for Drug Policy and the Appropriations Subcommittee for Transportation, and as a Special Assistant and Speechwriter to the 23rd Commandant of the Coast Guard.

He graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Government. He earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in 2001 and a Master's Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College in 2011.

Captain Fedor's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, four Coast Guard Achievement Medals and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

Captain Fedor has been married to his wife Amy for 25 years and they have four children, Tyler (18), [REDACTED], and twins [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

REAR ADMIRAL (Sel) MARK J. FEDOR

Current Assignment

June 18 – Present Executive Assistant to the Commandant (CG-00EA)

Assignment History

May 16 – June 18 CGC JAMES, Commanding Officer, CAPT
June 14 – May 16 CCGD7 (DR), Chief of Response, CAPT
June 13 – June 14 CCGD7 (DRE), Chief of Enforcement, CAPT
June 11 – June 13 CGC MOHAWK, Commanding Officer, CDR
June 10 – June 11 National War College, DUINS, CDR
May 10 – June 10 Natl Incident Command (Deepwater Horizon), DHS Liaison, CDR
May 08 – May 10 Commandant's Office, Special Assistant, CDR
June 06 – May 08 CG-0921, Congressional Fellow, LCDR
July 04 – June 06 CGC LEGARE, Executive Officer, LCDR
June 01 – July 04 CG-821, FY04 Budget Coordinator, LT/LCDR
May 00 – June 01 Harvard University, DUINS, LT
June 98 – May 00 CGC MONOMOY, Commanding Officer, LT
July 96 – June 98 CGC DURABLE, Operations Officer, LT
June 95 – July 96 CCGD7, Flag Aide, LTJG
June 93 – June 95 CCGD7, Maritime Intel Center, LTJG
June 91 – June 93 CGC DAUNTLESS, First Lieutenant, ENS/LTJG

Educational Summary

2011 National War College, Masters in National Security Strategy
2001 Harvard University/Kennedy School of Govt, Masters in Public Administration
1991 USCGA, B.S. in Government

Military Personal Awards and Significant National Recognition or Achievement

Personal Awards: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (5), CG Commendation Medal (2), Coast Guard Achievement Medal (4), Commandant's Letter of Commendation.
2018: JAMES earned Hopley Yeaton Award for overall operational excellence.
2017: Hosted first ever national media embed on a WMSL (JAMES).
2016: Coordinated massive SAR efforts for two hi-profile SAR cases in D7 and conducted televised interviews for national media audience.
2015: Led CG & State Dept delegation to Havana for talks with Cuban Border Guard.
2013: MOHAWK earned Jim Simpson Award for Public Affairs excellence and selected as Outstanding Unit in 33rd Annual CG Foundation Awards for achievements.

Significant Current Professional Credentials or Recent Activities:

SAR Mission Coordinator (SMC) and Active Search Suspended (ACTSUS) certified.
Command at Sea of a 110' WPB, 270' MEC and 418' WMSL
Qualified Tactical Action Officer (TAO)
Operations Section Chief for Homeland Security Task Force-Southeast (co-located w/D7)
Pending ICS Operations Section Chief qualification (waiting for ICS-410 course)