

Senate Commerce Committee Coast Guard Nominee Questionnaire
119th Congress

Instructions for the nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (the “Committee”) 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. Begin each section (i.e., “A”, “B”, etc.) on a new sheet of paper. Electronically submit your completed questionnaire to the Committee in PDF format and ensure that sections A through E of the completed questionnaire are in a text searchable and that any hyperlinks can be clicked. Section F may be scanned for electronic submission and need not be searchable.

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used):

John F. Barresi Jr. II

2. Position to which nominated:

Rear Admiral (lower half), U.S. Coast Guard

3. Date of Nomination:

16 March 2026

4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

5. Date and Place of Birth:

[REDACTED]

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).

Isabel V. Barresi – homemaker

Isabella L. Barresi – 21

John F. Barresi IV – 24

Christian F. Barresi – 36 (previous marriage)

7. List all college and graduate schools attended, whether or not you were granted a degree by the institution. Provide the name of the institution, the dates attended, the degree received, and the date of the degree.

**2018 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Aug 2017 – Aug 2018
S.M., Engineering and Management**

**2002 Georgia Institute of Technology, Aug 2001 – Dec 2002
M.S., Building Construction & Facilities Management**

**1994 University of Puerto Rico, Aug 1988 – Dec 1993
B.S., Mechanical Engineering**

8. List all post-undergraduate employment, including the job title, name of employer, and inclusive dates of 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 been a Coast Guard Officer since 1995. My official biography is attached. Prior to serving in the Coast Guard, I served in the United States Navy.

United States Navy: September 1992 to July 1995

**08/1994 – 07/1995 Naval Aviation School Pensacola, FL and O1
Aircraft Carrier Theodore Roosevelt**

**09/1992 – 08/1994 College Student and E5
Navy Officer Candidate School**

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

A copy of my official biography and chronology of work history are 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 after 18 years of age.

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.

None.

12. Please list each membership you have had after 18 years of age or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religiously affiliated 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 disability.

- **Member, Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)
(12/2004 – present)**
- **Post President, SAME Hampton Roads Post
(06/2022 – 06/2023)**
- **Member, Knights of Columbus, Council 13145, Louisiana
(2009 – inactive since 2010 due to distance after military transfer)**
- **Member, Association of Naval Services Officers (ANSO)
(03/2022 – 03/2024)**

Neither SAME nor ANSO restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability. The Knights of Columbus is an organization for Catholic men.

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 \$200 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.

Personal Military Awards:

2025 Legion of Merit (2), incl. 2023
2021 Meritorious Service Medal (5), incl. 2017, 2016, 2013, 2010
2006 Commendation Medal
2001 Achievement Medal (2), incl. 1998
2000 Letter of Commendation
2002 National Defense Service Medal (2), incl. 1992

Special Recognition:

2015 Luminary Honoree, Great Minds in STEM
2010 Engineer of the Year, U.S. Coast Guard
2009 Engineer of the Year, Society of American Military Engineers
(SAME, Hampton Roads Post)

1999 Federal Energy and Water Management Award Recipient
(Department of Energy)

17. List each book, article, column, letter to the editor, Internet blog posting, or other publication you have authored, individually or with others. Include a link to each publication when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the publication when available.

None.

18. List all speeches, panel discussions, and presentations (e.g., PowerPoint) that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Include a link to each publication when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the speech or presentation when available.

None.

19. List all public statements you have made during the past ten years, including statements in news articles and radio and television appearances, which are on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated, including dates. Include a link to each statement when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the statement when available.

None.

20. List all 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 full name of an “alias” or “handle,” including the complete URL and username with hyperlinks, 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.

- **LinkedIn (active): “John Barresi, P.E.” ([\(18\) John Barresi, P.E. | LinkedIn](#)).**
- **X, formerly Twitter (active): “@bulldog_john” ([\(1\) jb \(@bulldog_john\) / X](#))**

- **Instagram (active): “barresijohn” ([John Barresi \(@barresijohn\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#))**

21. 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.

22. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the Coast Guard, 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?

First and foremost, I am honored and grateful to be nominated for promotion to Rear Admiral (lower half).

My career has been centered on supporting operational commanders, sustaining critical capabilities, and ensuring the Coast Guard remains ready to meet the mission demands in an increasingly complex maritime operating domain. I have served in a range of engineering and senior leadership roles focused on enabling Coast Guard operations and advancing mission execution across the full spectrum of the Service’s responsibilities.

Immediately before my current assignment, I served as the Chief of Staff and principal advisor to the Atlantic Area Commander, supporting operations and forces comprising more than 22,000 personnel. In this role, I worked closely with senior leaders and staffs to translate strategic direction into executable plans, address resource constraints, balance competing operational demands, and maintain readiness across multiple mission areas. I emphasized unity of effort, clear operational priorities, and disciplined execution, while working across organizational, interagency, and joint force partners to advance initiatives related to contingency response, the marine transportation system, maritime border security, and workforce readiness.

Throughout my career, I have been deeply involved in mission support functions that directly enable operations. I have led multidisciplinary

teams in high-tempo, high-consequence environments where timely decisions, sound judgment, and effective coordination were critical to success. In each assignment, I sought to understand commander's intent, align resources with operational priorities, challenge existing processes when necessary, and deliver outcomes that improved mission performance. These experiences have given me a strong appreciation for the operational realities facing the Coast Guard and the importance of collaboration, disciplined execution, and accountability.

My desire to continue serving is grounded in a lifelong commitment to public service and a deep respect for the Coast Guard's role in protecting the nation's maritime and security interests. I am motivated by a sense of duty and responsibility to support the men and women who execute the mission every day. I am eager to continue serving in positions where I can help shape strategic decisions, strengthen operational readiness, and ensure the Coast Guard remains capable, adaptable, and prepared to meet current and future mission demands.

I believe my experience equips me to contribute effectively at the next level and look forward to applying my leadership and judgment in continued service to the Coast Guard and the Nation.

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

If confirmed, my responsibility would be to ensure the Coast Guard uses its resources responsibly and in accordance with the law. This includes strong oversight of financial management, clear accountability, accurate reporting, and effective internal controls to protect taxpayer funds, prevent misuse, and ensure funds are executed as intended.

This is especially critical as the Coast Guard executes major shore infrastructure investments under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which provides nearly \$5 billion to improve and modernize Coast Guard facilities.

Previously, while serving as Commander of the Coast Guard's Shore Infrastructure Logistics Center from 2021 to 2023, I gained valuable experience managing large organizations. In that role, I led an organization of more than 500 personnel across seven subordinate commands and was responsible for managing the full life cycle of the Coast Guard's \$24 billion shore infrastructure portfolio. This included strategic planning, budgeting, contracting, project execution, and financial accountability to ensure facilities supported operational readiness.

Moreover, I was directly responsible for managing an annual budget of approximately \$250 million for depot-level maintenance and overseeing execution of more than \$2 billion in major capital infrastructure appropriations. This included the largest coordinated effort in Coast Guard history to repair and rebuild shore infrastructure following the 2017 and 2018 hurricane seasons across Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, North Carolina, Texas, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These efforts required disciplined financial controls, accurate accounting, and close coordination with operational commanders, acquisition professionals, and external partners.

Currently, as the Deputy Assistant Commandant and Program Executive Officer for Shore Infrastructure, I lead a multidisciplinary team delivering a national infrastructure recapitalization program valued at nearly \$8 billion, advancing mission readiness through disciplined governance and innovation.

These experiences, along with other senior leadership assignments, have given me firsthand knowledge of managing large organizations, executing complex programs, and maintaining accountability for a nationwide portfolio of more than 40,000 real property assets. If confirmed, I would apply this experience to ensure the Coast Guard executes funding efficiently, transparently, and in direct support of mission readiness, while upholding the highest standards of financial oversight and fiscal responsibility.

24. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the Coast Guard, and why?

Workforce readiness and strength, including support to our people and their families remains a challenge. The dynamics of current workforce

shortages and growing demands on the Coast Guard risks readiness, proficiency, and mission execution. It becomes necessary to adapt – seeking to find a balance between the force structure and force employment to strengthen readiness, operational performance, and mission accomplishment.

In addition to workforce challenges, the reduced availability, end of service-life, obsolescence, and degraded condition of ships, aircraft, shore infrastructure, and technology systems significantly impacts the Service's ability to execute the mission. Years of underfunding and shortfalls in resources to recapitalize assets, meet technology needs, and sustain existing assets are barriers to operational readiness. Managing risks, balancing current operations, and prioritizing future – and urgently needed – investments remain critically important to ensure mission success.

We must also continue to strengthen the U.S. Marine Transportation System (MTS). It's necessary to continue reinforcing and leveraging authorities, partnerships, and capabilities to protect our maritime critical infrastructure from threats (including cyber) to improve the safety and security of ports, waterways, facilities, and vessel operations. Protecting, defending, and assuring operations and resiliency of the MTS is an imperative to the flow of maritime commerce, our economic prosperity, and national security interests.

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, such as a 401(k) or pension plan.

Please see my nominee PFDR.

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, please see my nominee PFDR. If any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest arise, 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, but if any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest arises, 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, but if any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest arises, 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, an Inspector General, the Office of Special Counsel, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If yes:
 - a. Provide the name of court, 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 race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), age, disability, genetic information, marital status, parental status, political affiliation, engagement in a protected Equal Employment Opportunity/Equal Opportunity

(EEO/EO) activity, whistleblower activity, or any other basis? If so, please explain.

In 2011, while assigned as the Department Head for Facilities, Engineering, and Public Works, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Baltimore, Maryland, I was named in an EEO pre-complaint by a civilian employee who alleged discrimination based upon her gender (female) and that she was subjected to a hostile work environment. Prior to the civilian employee initiating the pre-complaint, the Coast Guard received numerous complaints about the civilian employee's unprofessional conduct and learned that the civilian employee was acting as a Contracting Officer Technical Representative, which was not authorized by her Position Description. The civilian employee pursued an informal resolution of her complaint. Mediation was conducted and a resolution agreement was signed on January 4, 2012, which closed the matter.

6. If you have ever served as a general court-martial convening authority 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, and that your department/agency endeavors to timely comply with requests for information from individual Members of Congress, including requests from members in the minority?

Yes.

2. Will you ensure that your department/agency does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistleblowers 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.

5. Do you agree, if confirmed, to keep this Committee, its subcommittees, other appropriate Committees of Congress, and their respective staffs apprised of new information that materially impacts the accuracy of testimony, briefings, reports, records—including documents and electronic communications, and other information you or your organization previously provided?

Yes.

6. Do you agree, if confirmed, and on request, to provide this Committee and its subcommittees with records and other information within their oversight jurisdiction, even absent a formal Committee request?

Yes.

7. Do you agree, if confirmed, to ensure that you and other members of your organization protect from retaliation any military member, federal employee, or contractor employee who testifies before, or communicates with this Committee, its subcommittees, and any other appropriate committee of Congress?

Yes.

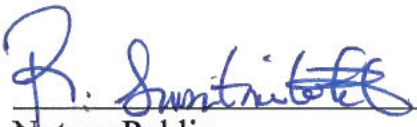
(Nominee is to include this signed affidavit along with answers to the above questions.)

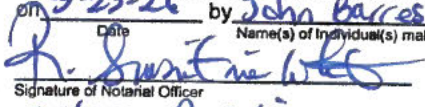
F. AFFIDAVIT

JOHN F. BARRESI JR. II 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.


John F. Barresi Jr. II, CAPT, USCG

Subscribed and sworn before me this 23 day of March, 2026.


Notary Public

District of Columbia
Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me
on 3-23-26 by John Barresi
Date Name(s) of Individual(s) making Statement

Signature of Notarial Officer
Notary Public
Title of Office
My commission expires: 01-31-28





Captain John Barresi
Deputy Assistant Commandant and
Program Executive Officer for Shore Infrastructure
U.S. Coast Guard



Captain Barresi oversees the full lifecycle management of the Coast Guard's \$25 billion shore infrastructure portfolio to advance the Service's priorities for operational readiness and mission execution. In this role, he is responsible for the nationwide facilities maintenance and recapitalization efforts, including planning and construction of new infrastructure to support all operations, military housing, and homeports for the next generation of aircraft and cutters.

He previously served as the Chief of Staff, Coast Guard Atlantic Area. In this role, he directly supported the Area Command and Commander, Defense Force East responsible for over 22,000 personnel and all Coast Guard missions on the East Coast of the United States throughout the Atlantic Ocean, eastern Pacific, and adjacent parts of the Gulf Coast, the Arctic Ocean, and the Arabian Gulf.



Prior to his assignment as Chief of Staff, he served as Commander, Shore Infrastructure Logistics Center (SILC), leading seven engineering commands and over 550 professionals. As SILC Commander, he implemented the Coast Guard's Civil Engineering Program for Real Property, Aids to Navigation, Environmental Compliance, and Energy Management for the Service's shore plant inventory of over 6,000 buildings, 13,000 structures, and 20,000 navigational markers and equipment.

Captain Barresi received his commission in 1995. His first assignment was as Project Manager and Construction Safety Officer at the Coast Guard Academy Facilities Engineering Department. Subsequent engineering assignments include Civil Engineering Unit Miami, FL; Facilities Design and Construction Center; Director of Gulf Coast Reconstruction; Facilities Engineer at the Coast Guard Yard; Commanding Officer of the Civil Engineering Unit in Juneau, AK; and Commanding Officer of the Facilities Design and Construction Center. Staff assignments include Executive Assistant for the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Captain Barresi earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico and postgraduate degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He is a Facilities Engineer Level II Acquisition Professional, MIT Systems Design Management Fellow, and a licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.) in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Alaska.

Captain Barresi was the 2010 U.S. Coast Guard Engineer of the Year for his work in the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Louisiana and Mississippi where he led the Coast Guard's facilities recapitalization efforts to enable continuity of operations. His personal military awards include the Legion of Merit (2), Meritorious Service Medal (5), Commendation Medal, and Achievement Medal (2).

CAPTAIN John F. Barresi**Current Assignment**

06/2025 – Present Deputy Assistant Commandant & Program Executive for Shore Infrastructure

Assignment History

06/2023 – 06/2025	Coast Guard Atlantic Area, Chief of Staff	O6
05/2021 – 06/2023	Shore Infrastructure Logistics Center, Commander	O6
08/2018 – 05/2021	Facilities Design & Construction Center, Commanding Officer	O6
06/2017 – 08/2018	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Duty Under Instruction	O6
06/2016 – 06/2017	Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, Executive Assistant	O5
06/2013 – 06/2016	Civil Engineering Unit Juneau, Commanding Officer	O5
06/2010 – 06/2013	Coast Guard Yard, Chief – Facilities Engineering & Public Works	O4/O5
07/2006 – 06/2010	Director of Gulf Coast Reconstruction	O4
05/2004 – 07/2006	Facilities Design & Construction Center, Construction	O3/O4
01/2003 – 05/2004	Facilities Design & Construction Center, Planning	O3
08/2001 – 01/2003	Georgia Institute of Technology, Duty Under Instruction	O3
08/1998 – 08/2001	Civil Engineering Unit Miami, Design & Construction	O2/O3
09/1995 – 08/1998	Coast Guard Academy, Facilities Engineering	O1/O2
07/1995 – 09/1995	Training Center Yorktown, Direct Commission Officer	O1

Educational Summary

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 2010 Engineer of the Year, U.S. Coast Guard
 2009 Engineer of the Year, Society of American Military Engineers (Hampton Roads Post)
 1999 Federal Energy and Water Management Award Recipient (Department of Energy)

Significant Current Professional Credentials or Recent Activities

Professional Engineer (P.E.) License, Commonwealth of Virginia
 Professional Mechanical Engineer (P.E.) License, State of Alaska
 Member, Society of American Military Engineers
 Level II Acquisition Certification: Facilities Engineering (FE)
 Level II Acquisition Certification: Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)