

NEWS RELEASE

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

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DA Murray to retire from U.S. Coast Guard

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – After 35 years of faithful service to his country in the United States Coast Guard, District Attorney Andrew Murray is retiring from the military. He will request permission to go ashore for the last time during a retirement ceremony at Coast Guard Base Charleston, South Carolina on September 23, 2016.

As a Coastguardsman, Mecklenburg County's chief prosecutor is known as Captain Murray (O-6). He credits the Coast Guard for teaching him the skills he applies to his daily work as leader of the District Attorney's Office.

DA Murray's Coast Guard career began in 1980, when he enlisted after graduating from high school. He served six years of active duty. During that time, he worked as an aviation electronic technician and crewman aboard helicopters. Then, he became a reservist and was commissioned as an officer in 1989 after graduating from UNC Charlotte.

Throughout his career as an attorney and eventually as district attorney, DA Murray has typically served 14 days each year, as well as one weekend every month, as an officer in the Coast Guard Reserve. He has served in a number of roles during that time. He has been responsible for the coordination of law enforcement and search and rescue operations, and he has worked as an analyst in the Coast Guard's Office of Counterterrorism and Defense Operations. Most recently, he acted as the Western Rivers and Coastal Region Senior Reserve Officer for the Coast Guard's Eighth District, monitoring the readiness of Reservists assigned to seven sectors.

His service in the Coast Guard Reserve also included occasional calls to active duty. In 2013, he was called to active duty to work as a legal officer with the Gulf Coast Incident Management Team. His legal work contributed to Operation Deepwater Horizon, the federal cleanup effort for the massive 2010 oil spill – the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history – that resulted from an explosion aboard the BP oil drilling rig Deepwater Horizon.

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