

Thomas Relieves Cawthorn as Munro Commander

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Capt. Mark Cawthorn, commanding officer, Coast Guard Cutter Munro, accompanied by his dog Akela, is presented a Meritorious Service Medal by Rear Adm. Charles Ray, deputy commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area, during a change of command ceremony in Kodiak, Alaska, June 18, 2013. Capt. Jeff Thomas relieved Cawthorn as commanding officer of Munro during the ceremony. U.S. Coast Guard photos by Petty Officer 1st Class Sara Francis

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The Coast Guard Cutter Munro has a new commanding officer today. Captain Jeff Thomas relieved Captain Mark Cawthorn in a ceremony yesterday on base. The Munro is the only 378-foot high endurance cutter stationed in Alaska.

Cawthorn was also presented with a Meritorious Service Medal by Rear Admiral Charles Ray, deputy commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area. Also in attendance, Cawthorn's dog, Akela, which appears in pictures to be an Alaskan Malamute.

Capt. Jeff Thomas (right) relieves Capt. Mark Cawthorn as commanding officer of the Coast Guard Cutter Munro before the ship's crew and Rear Adm. Charles Ray, deputy commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area, during a change of command ceremony in Kodiak, Alaska, June 18, 2013. Thomas is arriving from duties at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and Cawthorn is retiring to Honolulu.