



Captain Brian R. Whisler
Commanding Officer
USCGC MIDGETT (WMSL 757)
U. S. Coast Guard



CAPT Brian Whisler assumed command of CGC MIDGETT on 23 May 2025 after serving as the Senior Special Assistant to the Commandant of the Coast Guard from July 2023 to April 2025. In that role he provided direct support and advice to the Commandant to operate the Service and advance policy, strategy, and outreach to Coast Guard workforce, interagency, industry, and the public. He also provided oversight on wide range of strategic initiatives, engagements, executive travel, and program management.



During previous afloat assignments, CAPT Whisler served as Commanding Officer of CGC ALEX HALEY (WMEC 39) homeported in Kodiak, Alaska, Executive Officer of CGC DOUGLAS MUNRO (WHEC-724) in Kodiak, Alaska, Operations Officer of CGC VENTUROUS in St. Petersburg, FL, Commanding Officer of CGC BLACKFIN in Santa Barbara, CA, Executive Officer of CGC MAUI forward deployed to the Arabian Gulf, and Deck Watch Officer and First Lieutenant onboard CGC RESOLUTE, homeported in St. Petersburg, FL.

CAPT Whisler's ashore assignments include Coast Guard Fellow to the RAND Corporation, Chief of Officer Boards and Panels at the Personnel Service Center (opm-1), Central Assignment Coordinator at the Personnel Service Center (epm-2), and Congressional Fellow and Liaison to the DHS/FBI's Terrorist Screening Center.

CAPT Whisler holds a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, a Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma State University, and a Joint Professional Military Education (JMPE-I) diploma from the U.S. Naval War College. A native of Littlerock, California, CAPT Whisler graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He is married to the former Jennifer Campbell from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

CAPT Whisler's personal awards include four Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Cutterman's Insignia, the Commandant's Staff Badge, and various other awards.