

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER IAN M. STARR**  
**EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CGC ALEX HALEY (WMEC 39)**



LCDR Ian Starr reported to *USCGC Alex Haley* in June 2019, where he currently serves as the Executive Officer. He was selected for the Hopley Yeaton Superior Cutterman Award in December 2020.

From 2017-2019, LCDR Starr served in the Joint Chiefs of Staff J5 (Strategic Plans & Policy) directorate. His responsibilities included developing strategic policy initiatives and advising senior Department of Defense and National Security Council leaders on maritime-related topics affecting homeland defense. In 2016, prior to reporting to the Joint Staff, he earned a Master of Arts degree in Defense and Security Studies from the Naval War College in Newport, RI.

From 2013-2016, LCDR Starr served as Commanding Officer of two *Island-class* patrol boats: *CGC Aquidneck* in Patrol Forces Southwest Asia, and *CGC Chandeleur* in Ketchikan, Alaska. In Bahrain, LCDR Starr and his crew supported Destroyer Squadron 50, Combined Task Force 152, and other U.S. and coalition forces throughout the Arabian Gulf. In Alaska, he conducted search and rescue, fisheries enforcement, and security operations throughout the Inside Passage and Gulf of Alaska. In 2014, LCDR Starr earned his permanent qualification as a Coast Guard Cutterman.

From 2010-2013, LCDR Starr served as a Command Duty Officer at the National Command Center (NCC) in Washington, D.C. He helped coordinate Maritime Operational Threat Response events, liaised with the Department of Homeland Security's National Operations Center, managed the NCC's Continuity of Operations program, and provided policy guidance to senior USCG and DHS decision makers.

From 2008-2010, LCDR Starr served as Navigator aboard *USS Chung-Hoon*, a guided-missile destroyer stationed in Pearl Harbor, HI. During his tour, LCDR Starr deployed throughout the Third, Fifth, and Seventh Fleet areas of responsibility. In 2009, LCDR Starr was named the Destroyer Squadron 31 "Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year," and earned his Surface Warfare Officer qualification in 2010.

From 2006-2008, LCDR Starr was stationed aboard the cutter *Diligence*, where he conducted counter-narcotic operations for Joint-Interagency Task Force South, and alien migrant interdiction operations for the Coast Guard's Seventh District.

A native of Warrenville, IL, LCDR Starr graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 2006 with a degree in Political Science & Government.

LCDR Starr has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, multiple Coast Guard and Navy Commendation and Achievement medals, and various other personal, unit, team, and service awards.