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Commander Nicole Tesoniero is a native of Pittsfield, Massachusetts and a graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy Class of 2005. She reports to *Harriet Lane* following a detailed assignment to the Department of Defense where she served as a Special Assistant to the 20th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Commander Tesoniero has served more than nine years afloat as a Deck Watch Officer, to include tours aboard USCGC *Steadfast*, Executive Officer of USCGC *Chandeleur*, USCGC *Knight Island*, and USCGC *Escanaba*, and as Commanding Officer of USCGC *Key Biscayne*. Her assignments ashore include as an instructor in the Professional Maritime Studies Branch at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut and at the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Office of Requirements and Analysis (CG-771) in Washington, DC. In this capacity, she was responsible for managing the requirements generation process for Coast Guard surface acquisitions, including the Polar Security Cutter, Offshore Patrol Cutter, and Waterways Commerce Cutter.

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