

COMMANDER BRIAN R. WHISLER
COMMANDING OFFICER, CGC ALEX HALEY (WMEC 39)



CDR Brian Whisler assumed command of CGC ALEX HALEY on 19 MAY 2021 after serving as the Coast Guard Fellow to the RAND Corporation from July 2020 to April 2021. In that role, he partnered with RAND research staff to study and understand current organizational policies and practices and harnessed that understanding to promote awareness of RAND's research across the Homeland Security Enterprise. Prior to RAND, he served as Executive Officer of CGC DOUGLAS MUNRO (WHEC-724), a 378' High Endurance Cutter homeported in Kodiak, Alaska, from May 2018 to July 2020. As Executive Officer, he managed the daily administrative and operational requirements of the 170-member crew while executing the Coast Guard's missions in the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea, and Arctic.

During previous afloat assignments, CDR Whisler served as 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.

CDR Whisler's assignments ashore include Chief, Officer Boards and Panels, CG Personnel Service Center (opm-1), where he coordinated and executed all Coast Guard officer selection boards, special boards, and advanced education selection panels. He also served as Central Assignment Coordinator at Personnel Service Center (epm-2) and Congressional Fellow and Liaison to the DHS/FBI's Terrorist Screening Center, both in Arlington, VA.

CDR Whisler holds a U.S. Coast Guard Master Mariner's license (100 ton), a Masters of Business Administration from Oklahoma State University, and a Joint Professional Military Education (JMPE-I) diploma from the U.S. Naval War College in 2018. A native of Littlerock, California, CDR Whisler graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

CDR Whisler's personal awards include two Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Cutterman's Insignia, and various other personal and unit awards.