

Commander Jon M. Kreischer

Commanding Officer USCGC ALEX HALEY (WMEC-282)



CDR Jon Kreischer graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1998 with a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering. His first assignment was aboard USCGC MADRONA (WLB-302) in Charleston, South Carolina as a Deck Watch Officer. Most recently, CDR Kreischer completed a joint assignment in the NORAD and USNORTHCOM Joint Training and Exercises Directorate in Colorado Springs, CO where he designed and executed training exercises that improved our nation's response to a catastrophic event.

CDR Kreischer's other afloat assignments include tours as Executive Officer aboard CGC SYCAMORE (WLB-209) in Cordova, Alaska; Commanding Officer aboard USCGC LIBERTY (WPB-1334) in Auke Bay, Alaska; and Commanding Officer aboard USCGC FIR (WLB-213) in Astoria, Oregon.

Assignments ashore include tours as a Marine Inspector in the SECTOR Houston-Galveston Prevention Branch in Houston, Texas; Civil Engineering Coordinator for all California Coast Guard units at Civil Engineering Unit Oakland, California; and as a fellow to the Department of Homeland Security in their Office of Legislative Affairs from August 2009 to June 2011. At DHS he served as the Department's principle interface to Congress on Coast Guard, Secret Service, and the National Protections and Programs Directorate (NPPD) matters.

CDR Kreischer holds a Masters of Engineering Degree from Texas A&M University and a Masters of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. In California, he passed the National Professional Engineering Examination earning the title of California Professional Engineer. His personal awards include the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and two Commandant's Letter of Commendation awards.

CDR Kreischer is married to the former Lindsay Marie Gunsett from Convoy, Ohio. The Kreischer's have four children: Carter, Avery, Ayla, and Crew. They enjoy sports, hiking, fishing, and outdoor activities.