

CAPT Craig H. Allen Jr., USCG  
Commanding Officer, USCGC KIMBALL (WMSL 756)



Captain Allen commands the Coast Guard Cutter *Kimball*, a National Security Cutter homeported in Honolulu Hawaii. He served in six previous afloat assignments, including Commanding Officer of cutters *Steadfast*, (Astoria, OR), *William Flores* (Miami, FL) and *Baranof* (Manama, Bahrain), Executive Officer of cutters *Waesche* (Alameda, CA) and *Tornado* (Pascagoula, MS), and Assistant Operations officer of cutter *Venturous* (St. Petersburg, FL).

Over the course of his seagoing career, Captain Allen has led law enforcement, search-and-rescue, security cooperation, and national defense missions across a vast area that includes the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Mexico, Gulf of Guinea, and Caribbean Sea.

Ashore, Allen's most recent assignment was Chief of Emerging Policy for the Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Operations. In that role, he led a team of strategic analysts who developed, synchronized, and articulated emerging Service-wide strategy and policy initiatives, including oversight of the Coast Guard's strategic foresight program, Project Evergreen. Allen has also served as an action officer in the Coast Guard's Office of Counterterrorism and Defense Operations, and as a nautical science instructor at the US Coast Guard Academy.

Captain Allen holds a Bachelor of Science in Government from the US Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Military Studies from the US Marine Corps Command and Staff College and completed a yearlong National Security Fellowship at Harvard University. He has authored several articles for various professional publications and is co-author of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of *Farwell's Rules of the Nautical Road*. He currently serves as a member of the US Naval Institute Editorial Board.

A Pacific Northwest native, Captain Allen is married to the former Christina Henry from Highland, New York. Together they have three teenage children: Alexandra (15), and twins Brooke and Connor (13).