



Captain Franklin H. Schaefer
Reserve Chief of Staff
U. S. Coast Guard Pacific Area



Captain Franklin Schaefer assumed the duties of Coast Guard Pacific Area Reserve Chief of Staff in October 2019, where he serves as the principal advisor to the Area Commander, Deputy Area Commander and Area Staff regarding mobilization and augmentation readiness, training, and force employment for over 2,400 drilling reservists. As Pacific Area Senior Reserve Officer, he leads, manages, and develops Pacific Area Reserve Senior Leadership Team of four District Senior Reserve Officers, Area and District Command Master Chiefs, and Captains serving at Combat Command's (COCOM), Coastal Riverine Groups, and Pacific Area Staff.

Captain Schaefer previously served as the Pacific Area Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (EPLO) Coordinator from 2017 to 2019, where he serves as the principle advisor for Reserve responses to emergent multi-mission contingency response operations and mission planning support across 74 million square miles; focusing on Search and Rescue (SAR), Marine Environmental Response (MER), and natural disaster relief.



Prior to his assignment as an EPLO Coordinator, Captain Schaefer was the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Reserve Unit United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM) from 2014 to 2017. As Commanding Officer, he serves as the principle advisor to the Director of Reserve Forces NORTHCOM on all Coast Guard Reserve matters, providing strategic guidance on reserve support to Interagency, Planning, Operations, Personnel, and Logistics.

From 2011 to 2014, Captain Schaefer served as the Executive Officer, Coast Guard Reserve Unit Joint Staff. In 2012, Captain Schaefer was selected to fill a senior DoD O6 position as a Commander. He served as the Chief of Staff to the Joint Staff J7 consisting of 400 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guard members until his departure in September 2014.

Captain Schaefer enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1982. After recruit training, he attended Submarine School and Fire Control Technician School. As a Fire Controlman, he served aboard the USS NATHAN HALE (SSBN 623), USS HOLLAND (AS-32), and USS TECUMSEH (SSBN 628). Naval Warfare Designators in Submarine and Surface Warfare Specialist. In 1989, Captain Schaefer enlisted in the Coast Guard as an Electronics Technician First Class.

Upon Commissioning in August 1992, Captain Schaefer served as a SAR Operations Duty Officer at Coast Guard Group Charleston qualifying as SAR Controller and Command Duty Officer. Served as Alternate Chief of Response.

Captain Schaefer has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He is a graduate of two 18-month Department of Navy Leadership/Executive Development Programs. In 2006, he was selected and completed the Department of the Navy, Shore Station Senior Leadership Course for Prospective Commanding Officers of Naval Shore Installations. Captain Schaefer has studied at the National Defense University, Naval War College, Army War College, and the Joint Forces Staff College.

In 2011, Captain Schaefer was awarded the prestigious Coast Guard Captain John G. Witherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award.

Captain Schaefer personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2), Meritorious Service Medal (4), Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Joint Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal (3), and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal.