



U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Frederick Hatch (WPC 1143)



Lieutenant Craig R. Rooke United States Coast Guard Commanding Officer

LT Craig Rooke joined the Coast Guard in January 2009. He first enlisted in the Army in September 2001. After graduating Basic Training at Fort Jackson, SC; he reported to Fort Lee, VA for Culinary Specialists (92G) Training. Upon graduating, he reported to the 138th Military Police Detachment in Fort Bragg, NC where their primary goal was to set-up and maintain a prisoner of war camp. After deploying with the 138th to the Middle East, he reported to 1st/313th Logistical Support Battalion, a multi-component unit training other units and services for their deployments overseas, also in Fort Bragg. Here he advanced to Sergeant and Staff Sergeant. In May 2008, he entered the Army Reserves and began working for a local beer distributor. After months of negotiating with the Coast Guard recruiter he arrived at TRACEN Cape May, NJ in January 2009 for the Prior Service Training Program. Upon graduating he reported to TRACEN Petaluma for Operations Specialist (OS) 'A' School. His first unit out of 'A' School was the CGC CONFIDENCE (WMEC 619) out of Cape Canaveral, FL in July 2009. Here he advanced from OS3 to OS1 in two and a half years and conducted numerous patrols in the Windward Passage and the Caribbean Sea. From here he reported to Sector North Carolina (NC) in Wilmington, NC in July 2012. While at Sector NC, he assisted in coordinating response efforts for the HMS Bounty sinking during Hurricane Sandy and was responsible for all COMSEC material in the Sector NC AOR. In Dec. 2014, he was accepted into Officer Candidate School and reported to New London, CT in July 2015. After receiving his commission, LT Rooke's first assignment was the CGC VALIANT (WMEC 621) out of Mayport, FL in December 2015. Onboard the VALIANT, he sailed through the Panama Canal four times and had numerous successful high pursuit chases, which resulted in millions of dollars of illegal drugs being confiscated. He was most recently assigned to CGC WILLOW (WLB 202) as the Operations Officer. His responsibilities include planning and execution of District Seven's most capable and versatile cutter in their fleet. His diverse career path has afforded him the opportunity to take part in many of the Coast Guard Missions and provide guidance to tomorrow's Coast Guard leaders. LT Rooke is honored to now serve as the Commanding Officer of CGC FREDERICK HATCH (WPC 1143) out of Santa Rita, Guam where he will overlook the cutter's execution of District Fourteens mission in Oceania. HATCH, along with her sister ships, serve to strengthen the U.S. Coast Guard's Operational Presence in Oceania and strengthen regional partnerships.



LT Rooke is humbled and grateful to have been recognized with awards that include: CG Commendation Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, two CG Achievement Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, two CG Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbons, CG Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, four CG Meritorious Team Commendation Ribbons, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, two CG Good Conduct Medals, Army Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, CG Special OPS Service Medal, two CG Sea Service Ribbons, three CG Battle 'E' Ribbons, NCO Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Marksman Pistol Ribbon, and Marksman Rifle Ribbon.