



Captain Thomas H. King Fourteenth Coast Guard District Chief of Staff



Captain Thomas King assumed the duties of the Chief of Staff for the Fourteenth Coast Guard District in May 2018. As the Chief of Staff, Captain King is the principal advisor to the District Commander on all Coast Guard missions conducted in the central and South Pacific, an operating area of over 14 million square miles.

Captain King, a Permanent Cutterman, served as the first Commanding Officer of USCGC MUNRO (WMSL 755), the Coast Guard's sixth National Security Cutter from 2016 to 2018, where he was responsible for the organization and training of the initial crew and directing efforts to ensure the unit met all post-delivery inspections and certifications to achieve Ready for Operations status. His previous afloat tours include Commanding Officer of the USCGC NORTHLAND homeported in Portsmouth, Virginia and the USCGC NAUSHON homeported in Ketchikan, Alaska. During his assignment onboard USCGC NORTHLAND, the unit conducted operations from the North Atlantic to the Eastern Pacific supporting all Coast Guard missions including delivering relief supplies to Haiti in the summer of 2008, at sea interdiction of narcotics, and fisheries enforcement.



His other afloat assignments include serving as the Assistant Operations Officer on USCGC RELIANCE; as Operations Officer of the USCGC ESCANABA; and as the Executive Officer of the USCGC SPENCER. With the USCGC SPENCER serving as the first major cutter to respond in New Orleans following the devastating landfall of Hurricane KATRINA, Captain King's leadership and operational expertise was critical in the evacuation of over 3,000 citizens and coordination of 22 Coast Guard units during this immediate humanitarian crisis.

As a Federal Executive Fellow at Brookings Institute, Captain King obtained a Certificate in Policy Strategy. He has earned a Masters in Marine Affairs from the School of Marine Affairs at the University of Washington and a Masters in Joint Campaign Planning from the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. He is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Captain King's staff assignments include serving as the Executive Assistant for the Assistant Commandant for Resources and Chief Financial Officer. He also served as a Program Reviewer in the Office of Budget and Programs where he reviewed Coast Guard resource policy and proposals for the Coast Guard's naval, aviation, civil and electronics engineering programs. As the Coast Guard Liaison Officer to Department of State, he served as the U. S. enforcement expert during high-level multinational meetings including providing exportable fisheries management and enforcement workshop for Guatemala, Honduras, and Belize. He also was assigned to the First District Office of Law Enforcement as the Assistant Intelligence Officer and General Law Enforcement Officer.

His military awards include Meritorious Service Medals, Coast Guard Commendation Medals and various unit commendations. He originally hails from Agawam, Massachusetts and graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1992.