



Captain Lee Petty Fourteenth Coast Guard District Chief of Staff



Captain David “Lee” Petty assumed the duties of the Chief of Staff for the Fourteenth Coast Guard District in July of 2020. As the Chief of Staff, Captain Petty 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.

Prior to joining the Fourteenth District staff, Captain Petty served as Chief of the Office of Cyberspace Forces (CG-791) at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he supported the Assistant Commandant for Capability, as well as the Commander of Coast Guard Cyber Command, by leading a team focused on manning, training, and equipping the Service’s cyberspace forces, and implementing the Coast Guard’s Cyber Strategy.

Operationally, Captain Petty is a permanent Cutterman, having served on five cutters. He was assigned as a Deck Watch Officer and Boarding Officer aboard the USCGC TAMPA, Executive Officer of USCGC KEY LARGO, and Commanding Officer of Cutters PADRE, SHAMAL, and DEPENDABLE. In each instance, operations centered on the Coast Guard’s Search and Rescue, Drug Interdiction, Migrant Interdiction, and Ports, Waterways, and Coastal Security (PWCS) mission areas in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Florida Straits, and Caribbean Sea. Additionally, he served as the commander of Coast Guard Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA), the Coast Guard’s largest overseas command. Based in Manama, Bahrain, PATFORSWA patrol boat, maritime engagement, advanced interdiction, and containerized cargo redeployment and inspection teams supported U.S. Central Command and U.S. Transportation Command operations in Bahrain, the Arabian Gulf, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and the greater Middle East. Further, he served as a Search and Rescue coordinator for the Coast Guard’s Great Lakes region.



Captain Petty’s additional assignments include a variety of staff positions at Coast Guard Headquarters, the Pentagon, and the White House, performing mission analysis, program evaluation, performance measurement and budgeting, human resources and financial management, major acquisition requirements review and budgeting, weapons and sensor system resourcing, and national drug control policy development and implementation.

A native of Circleville, Ohio, Captain Petty earned a Bachelor of Science in Government from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a Master’s degree in Public Administration from George Mason University, and was a fellow in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Seminar XXI program.

His military awards include the Presidential Service Badge, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and other campaign, service, and unit awards. He and his wife currently reside in Honolulu, Hawai’i, and have three adult children.