



Captain Blake L. Novak

Chief of Staff, Fourteenth Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard



Captain Novak assumed the duties as Fourteenth Coast Guard District Chief of Staff in June 2022. He is responsible for executing the District Commanders guidance in the oversight and management of over 1,500 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel who regularly perform missions in maritime safety, protection of natural resources, maritime security, homeland security, and national defense throughout Oceania, including Hawai'i, Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and activities in Singapore and Japan.

A Permanent Cutterman, he has over 12 years of sea time with seven previous afloat assignments and five commands aboard CGC Point Stuart, Newport Beach, CA; CGC Wrangell, Manama, Bahrain; CGC Pea Island, St. Petersburg, FL; CGC Decisive, Pascagoula, MS, and most recently aboard CGC Munro (WMSL 755), Alameda, CA, where he was responsible for providing persistent offshore presence in support of National Security Objectives.



Captain Novak's previous staff assignments include District Seven Enforcement, Miami, FL; Pacific Area Cutter Forces, Alameda, CA; Military Aide to Vice President Cheney and Vice President Biden; Coast Guard Deputy Chief of Cutter Forces, Washington, DC, and most recently the Eleventh District Chief of Enforcement, Alameda, CA, where he oversaw the seizure of over 200 metric tons of cocaine in the Eastern Pacific.

A recipient of the Iraq Campaign Medal, Captain Novak served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2005 where he provided security in the Persian Gulf. He is most proud of his 2020 induction as an Honorary Chief Petty Officer and playing a role in CGC Munro's 2021 Unit Commendation Award where the crew worked alongside like-minded partners from Taiwan, Japan, Philippines, Australia, and Indonesia to help advance a free and open Indo-Pacific.

A native of Indiana, he earned his bachelor's degree from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1995 and master's degree in National Security Studies at the Naval War College in 2008. Captain Novak is lucky to be married to the former Miss Alishia McRae who hails from Oshawa, Canada and is a proud father of two.