



CAPTAIN ERIN WILLIAMS
COMMANDING OFFICER
USCG Activities Far East



Captain Williams assumed the duties as Commanding Officer of Activities Far East in June 2020. In this capacity, she directs Prevention missions in more than 40 Indo-Pacific nations and territories spanning 40% of the earth's circumference, ranging from Madagascar to French Polynesia. As the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection she ensures U.S. commercial ships' safety, security and environmental compliance as they traverse the world's busiest shipping lanes. She also leads a contingent of International Port Security Liaison Officers who promote the effective implementation of globally-accepted maritime security measures in foreign ports. Activities Far East, based in Japan, oversees a subordinate unit,

Marine Inspection Detachment Singapore.

Immediately prior to Activities Far East, she served as Training Director at the Coast Guard's Leadership Development Center in New London, Connecticut. In this position, she led the creation, maintenance and delivery of more than 20 courses including three officer accession programs. Prior to this, as the Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Duluth, Minnesota, she fulfilled regulatory authorities as the Captain of the Port, Federal On Scene Coordinator, and Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, leading Coast Guard missions on Western Lake Superior and across 700 miles of international border with Canada. From 2014 to 2016, she served as the Executive Officer of Activities Europe in the Netherlands, acting as the Commanding Officer's direct representative with a mission similar to Activities Far East, but spanning Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

In 2012, Captain Williams was selected as the Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the International Maritime Organization's World Maritime University in Malmö, Sweden. During this tour, she instructed maritime affairs graduate students from over 65 countries and liaised with multiple international organizations and foreign governments on global maritime issues. Other assignments included: Executive Officer of Marine Safety Unit Valdez, Alaska; Training Analyst in the Office of

Performance, Training and Workforce Development at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; Chief of Waterways Management and Assistant Chief of Inspections at Marine Safety Office San Diego, California; and Assistant Engineer Officer aboard CGC HAMILTON (WHEC 715).

Captain Williams holds a Master of Arts in Educational Technology from San Diego State University and a Bachelor of Science in Marine and Environmental Science from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. She is the former Chair of the Coast Guard Women's Leadership Initiative, a program supporting retention and professional development of women in the Coast Guard. Her commitment Coast Guard leadership ideals was reflected in her selection for the Military Officer Association of America's Captain Dorothy Stratton Leadership Award in 2012.