



## Captain Marie Byrd *Commander, Sector San Francisco* *United States Coast Guard*



Captain Byrd assumed command of U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco in March 2019 and serves as the Sector Commander and Captain of the Port for San Francisco and Northern California. As such, she leads over 850 Active and Reserve Coast Guardsmen operating four Cutters, seven Search and Rescue Stations, an Aids to Navigation Team, a Vessel Traffic Service, and a Marine Safety Detachment. She is also responsible for 1100+ Coast Guard Auxiliaries. Her area of responsibility spans from the Oregon border to the San Luis Obispo County line as well as much of Nevada, Utah, and parts of Wyoming, and includes over 2,500 miles of shoreline within the San Francisco Bay and its tributaries.

Duties and responsibilities of Sector San Francisco include Captain of the Port, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Officer in Charge of Marine Inspections, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator.

She remains at Sector San Francisco following her most recent position as Deputy Sector Commander. Prior to Sector San Francisco, she was Deputy Chief, United States Coast Guard Congressional and Governmental Affairs where she worked with the 535 members of Congress and the staff of the Coast Guard's oversight committees to create a shared understanding of the Coast Guard's roles, mission requirements, and legislative priorities. From 2014 to 2016, Captain Byrd was the Executive Assistant to Vice Admiral Dean Lee, Atlantic Area Commander. Prior to that, she served as the Prevention Department Head at Sector Jacksonville, Florida.

Throughout her career, Captain Byrd has been assigned to a variety of operational and staff assignments across the country. In 1995 she served aboard the 378' high endurance Coast Guard Cutter GALLATIN operating throughout the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. In 1997 she served as a Marine Inspector and Senior Marine Casualty Investigating Officer at Marine Safety Unit Galveston, Texas. In 2001, she was the Planning Department Head and Chief of the Port State Control Branch at Sector Honolulu, Hawaii. In 2007, she served as a Marine Safety Engineer in the Office of Commercial Vessel Design and Engineering Standards at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Captain Byrd's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (two awards), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and numerous Unit and Service awards.

A 1995 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management and in 2007, earned her Master of Science in Human Factors from San Jose State University in California.

Captain Byrd is from Cerritos, California. She is married to Patrick Byrd from Pascagoula, Mississippi and they have two sons: Patrick and Anthony.