



Captain Eric C. Paré
United States Coast Guard

**Deputy Sector Commander
Sector Columbia River**

Captain Paré reported as Deputy Commander, Sector Columbia River in Portland, Oregon, in July 2025. In this role he assists in the oversight of more than 1,100 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel conducting operations over an area of responsibility encompassing 640 miles of coastal Oregon and southern Washington waters extending from the California border to Grays Harbor, WA, as well as the Willamette, Columbia, and Snake Rivers.

A native of South Florida, CAPT Paré graduated from the University of Central Florida in 1997 with a BS in Business Administration. After two years of soul searching, he enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard and graduated from Basic Training in February 2000. His first assignment was as a Fireman on board USCGC CONFIDENCE (WMEC-619), home ported in Canaveral, FL. In 2001 he graduated from Marine Science Technician "A" School and was subsequently assigned to Marine Safety Office Boston. While there, he completed his Master of Science degree, applied for, and was accepted to Officer Candidate School (OCS) in 2003.

Upon graduation he was assigned to Group Woods Hole, later Sector Southeast New England, where he began his Officer career in Operations Ashore. His other operational tours include Maritime Safety and Security Team Miami (MSST 91114) as the Operations Officer, and Sector Miami (twice) as Chief of Law Enforcement and Chief of Response.

CAPT Paré's previous staff tours include an assignment to the Seventh District Command Center as a Command Duty Officer, a tour at Coast Guard Headquarters in the Office of Shore Forces (CG-7412) where he developed policy for the Coast Guard's 37 Command Centers, and a post graduate payback tour from the US Naval War College to US Southern Command where he was assigned to the J54, Security Assistance and Cooperation. He was most recently detailed to the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau at the Department of State where he served as the direct link between USCG policy and program offices and the Department of State.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (4), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (2) and the Coast Guard Letter of Commendation.

When not at work he enjoys anything outdoors that doesn't require close-toed shoes!