



Captain Olav Saboe
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Captain Saboe is the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard Thirteenth District headquartered in Seattle, where he directs more than 2,000 Coast Guard men and women responsible for executing Coast Guard missions within the Pacific Northwest, including the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Prior to reporting to the Coast Guard Thirteenth District Captain Olav M. Saboe served as Commander Coast Guard Sector North Bend where his area of responsibility encompassed 220 miles of Oregon coast, from the California border north to Pacific City.

Prior to serving as Sector North Bend Commander, CAPT Saboe completed a year-long program earning a Masters of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. CAPT Saboe's previous tours include Deputy Commander at Sector Humboldt Bay. As Deputy, he helped oversee multi-mission Coast Guard operations from the California-Oregon border to Point Arena, California. Prior to Humboldt Bay he served at the Coast Guard's Aviation Logistics Center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina where he was the Short-Range Recovery Product Line Manager overseeing maintenance, logistical and upgrade support for 100 H-65 helicopters across 18 operational air stations as well as scheduled depot overhauls of fleet aircraft. While assigned to the Aviation Logistics Center, he was also responsible for production of the redesigned MH-65D model aircraft and development of the MH-65E helicopter.

Previous field assignments for CAPT Saboe include Engineering Officer at Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans, Louisiana where he responded to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii where he deployed to the Arabian Gulf on the Coast Guard Cutter BOUTWELL in 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served as the Damage Control Assistant aboard the Coast Guard Cutter ALERT, a medium endurance cutter home ported in Astoria, Oregon.

CAPT Saboe is a 1996 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He earned a Master of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

CAPT Saboe hails from Coon Rapids, Minnesota. His military awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Meritorious Service Medals, and two Air Medals. He is married to his wife Sirkka from Glastonbury, Connecticut. They have a daughter, Maiken, and son, Rorik.