



# Captain James L. Heller Commanding Officer Air Station Barbers Point United States Coast Guard



Captain James Heller is a U.S. Coast Guard Officer with 22 years of experience in operational and staff positions. He is 2004 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy. He began his career serving aboard the Cutters *Mellon* and *Zephyr* as a Deck Watch Officer and Law Enforcement Boarding Officer.

In 2008, he completed Naval Flight training and has since served as an Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot/Flight Examiner in both the HU-25 Guardian and the HC-144 Ocean Sentry aircraft at Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Air Station Miami, Florida and the Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama.

He is also a certified FAA Airline Transport Pilot. His staff assignments include serving as Chief of Staff to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security as well as serving in CG-82 and DCO-82 becoming a Certified Defense Financial Manager.

Captain Heller holds a bachelor's degree in Government from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a certificate in Security Studies from the Naval War College, a master of science degree in Public Administration along with a Certificate in Security Studies from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, and a master's degree in Strategic Security Studies with a focus on Irregular Warfare from National Defense University.

He and his wife have six children aged 20, 12, 10, 8, 5, and 3. In his free time, he enjoys traveling with his family, and spending time on their New England farm. Captain Heller is also an Eagle Scout.

