



# **Commander Brenden Kelley**

**Commanding Officer**

**Coast Guard Cutter Vincent Danz**

**United States Coast Guard**



Commander Brenden Kelley entered the Coast Guard in 2007 and reported as the first Commanding Officer of USCGC *Vincent Danz* (WPC 1162) in September 2025.

With over nine years of sea time, Commander Kelley served as Executive Officer of USCGC *Venturous* (WMEC 625) in St. Petersburg, Florida; Commanding Officer of USCGC *Kiska* (WPB 1336) in Apra Harbor, Guam; Operations Officer of USCGC *Douglas Munro* (WHEC 724) in Kodiak, Alaska; and Student Engineer on USCGC *Rush* (WHEC 723) in Honolulu, Hawaii. Shore assignments include Deputy Facility Engineer for Base Seattle in Seattle, Washington, and CG/Navy Liaison for Combat Systems Sea Qualification Trials in Port Hueneme, California.

Commander Kelley graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He earned a Master of Business Administration from Keller School of Business in 2024. In 2025, he earned a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College with a focus in

operational planning through the Maritime Advanced Warfare School that included a designation as Operational planner for Naval and Joint Operations.

Military personal awards include three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, four Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the permanent Cutterman's insignia, the Command Afloat insignia, and various team, unit, and service awards.

Brenden Kelley is a native of Belvidere, New Jersey where he graduated from Mountain Trail Christian Academy in 2007. He is married with four children. Favorite hobbies include fishing, hunting, diving, boating, and traveling with his family.