



# Captain Nicholas S. Worst

Commander, Sector Honolulu  
Captain of the Port  
United States Coast Guard



Captain Nick Worst assumed command of Coast Guard Sector Honolulu in June 2025. He directs all Coast Guard missions across Sector Honolulu's 1.4 million square nautical mile area of responsibility in the Pacific. Leading a team of over 400 personnel, including active duty, reserve, civilian, and auxiliary members, Captain Worst manages three Fast Response Cutters, three Small Boat Stations, and an Aids to Navigation Team. His oversight extends to three Marine Safety Teams across Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island of Hawai'i, as well as Marine Safety Unit American Samoa.



Prior to command of Sector Honolulu, Captain Worst served as the inaugural Coast Guard liaison to U.S. Space Command (USSPACECOM), fostering collaboration between the Coast Guard and USSPACECOM to enhance national security. He also served as Response Department Head at Sector Honolulu, orchestrating search and rescue and law enforcement operations, coordinating interagency responses across the same vast area he now commands.

A 2002 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Captain Worst's career includes diverse operational and staff assignments. His early sea duty was aboard USCGC THETIS. He later served as a duty officer at Pacific Area/District 11 Command Center, Operations Officer at Maritime Safety and Security Team Kings Bay, and Military Aide to the Deputy National Incident Commander for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Ashore, he served as Chief of Promotions, Chief of the Incident Management Division at Sector Honolulu, and held key positions within the Department of Homeland Security, serving as Military Assistant to both the Deputy Secretary and the Secretary.

Captain Worst's academic credentials include a Bachelor of Science in Management from the Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University's Eisenhower School. He is also a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security Executive Leaders Program.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals with "O" device, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals with "O" device, and numerous other awards. He has also earned the Department of Homeland Security Secretary's Service Badge, the Advanced Boat Forces Operations Insignia, and the Response Operations Ashore Insignia.