



# Commander Jeffrey K. Padilla

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CDR Jeff Padilla, originally born and raised in Albuquerque, NM, graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 2005 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. CDR Padilla currently serves as the Deputy Sector Commander of Sector Honolulu. His interests include family games, music, and outdoors.

CDR Padilla has previously served three sectors, twice at District Eleven staff, and once at Coast Guard Headquarters. Assigned first to Group Mayport, he became a plank owner of Sector Jacksonville within the Sector Boarding Team and started a career in Operations Ashore Response, also earning a Master of Business Administration online through the University of Phoenix. Serving within the Command Centers at Sector Jacksonville and at his next tour at District Eleven, he gained tremendous experience as a Command Duty Officer, Search and Rescue Controller, and Law Enforcement Duty Officer. While in North Carolina, Jeff earned qualifications including Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator, Advanced Boat Forces Insignia, and the Marine Safety Specialist Insignia. At Coast Guard Headquarters within the Office of Counterterrorism and Defense Operations, Jeff completed the Navy War College Command and Staff diploma while serving the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the Coast Guard Joint Actions Control Office, later transitioning to a role as a strategic planner within the Global Force Management Division and greatly advanced the Coast Guard's defense readiness at the height of international tensions with North Korea. Moving back across the mainland, Jeff assumed the role of Joint Harbor Operations Center Chief for Sector Puget Sound, guiding the Service through a major Search and Rescue Case Study involving mariners ejected from their boat in Deception Pass and later recovered off North Whidbey Island, Washington. Returning to the Bay Area as the Deputy Enforcement Branch Chief for District Eleven, he established novel joint operations within the Eastern Pacific, most notably Operations Southern Shield to counter malign state influence by distant water fishing fleets in the Eastern Pacific and Operation Border Trident, which significantly hardened border control and territorial integrity along the U.S. Southern Border with Mexico. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and two Commandant's Letters of Commendation.

