



## Port Security Unit 301 Cape Cod, Massachusetts



### Command Philosophy

It is an honor and privilege to serve as the Commanding Officer of Port Security Unit 301. Port Security Units have a long, storied, and proud history. It is my goal to ensure we contribute to this legacy.

This may feel like an uncertain time for our community. With the transfer of the Joint Task Force – Guantanamo mission to the Naval Station, it may feel like we have lost our purpose; however, I believe we will find the demand for our capabilities higher now than ever.

The United States faces strategic challenges it has not faced in decades. With the Peoples Republic of China emerging as a near peer rival in the Indo-Pacific region, demonstrating each day their intent to bend the region to their will, and Russia again using military force on a neighbor, there is no shortage of opportunity for a Combatant Commander to need the capabilities of a Port Security Unit.

We will prepare for this mission as if the call could come tomorrow.

To do this I ask you to do three things:

- 1) Become an expert in your position. The old adage "Amateurs practice until they get it right; a professional practices until they can't get it wrong" applies here. By mastering our basic skills and making them second nature, we'll be able to build and adapt to any challenge put in our path.
- 2) Take care of each other. Being a reservist is hard. We sacrifice our civilian careers, family obligations, and other interests because of the call to service. This inevitably causes stress that all of us will face and we may need help. Its ok to ask for help and its ok to ask if your shipmate needs help. This also means we treat each other with respect and dignity, no matter the circumstance.
- 3) Be ready. Readiness is more than a green dot in CGBI. Ensure you and those who depend on you are prepared to deploy. When the call comes, you will not have time to prepare. Take those steps now so you can be available when your Nation needs you.

Semper Paratus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Carmany".

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