



Commander Kristopher J. Nolan

Commanding Officer
Coast Guard Port Security Unit 309 (CG
PSU 309) United States Coast Guard
Reserve



Commander Kristopher J. Nolan is the Commanding Officer (CO) of Port Security Unit 309 (PSU 309) located in Port Clinton, Ohio. He has ultimate responsibility for the well-being, readiness, training, and leadership of the anti-terrorism force protection unit for worldwide or domestic deployments within 96-hours of notification.



Commander Nolan's previous assignment was as the Senior Reserve Officer (SRO), at Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan where he was responsible for the readiness and training of the total Sector Reserve Force of over 160 members located in the Lake Michigan AOR.

Prior to that Commander Nolan was assigned as an Operations Officer in the Domestic Operations (J36) directorate of US NORAD/NORTHCOM, Colorado Springs, CO; the Operations Officer at PSU 307, Clearwater, Florida; the SRO at Sector Field Office (SFO) Grand Haven, Michigan; and various Division Officer assignments at PSU 309, Port Clinton, Ohio.

During these assignments, Commander Nolan has participated in multiple CONUS and OCONUS exercises & deployments including Vibrant Response 2022, Colorado Springs, CO; Combined-Joint Logistics Over the Shore (CJLOTS) 2015, Anmyeon, South Korea; Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) 2012, Kuwait Naval Base, Kuwait; and Operation Unified Response 2010, Haiti.

CDR Nolan's Incident Command System (ICS) experience includes Hurricanes Idalia/Lee (2023), Ian/Nicole (2022), and Irma/Maria (2017). His ICS roles during these Type I National Contingencies were as the Seventh District (D7) Liaison Officer and Agency Representative to the State of Florida EOC & FEMA JFO, as well as Deputy Incident Commander to the D7 Area Command during post-storm recovery operations, with additional assignments as Operations Section Chief and Operations Branch Director.

Commander Nolan graduated from Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination (ROCI) in 2006. He received his Master of Science in Geology from Bowling Green State University and a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Grand Valley State University. He received Joint Professional Military Education from the USAF Air Command & Staff College and in 2018 graduated from the Reserve Components National Security Course at National Defense University, Washington, DC. In 2017 he received Anti-terrorism Officer certification from the USAF Special Operations School, at Hurlburt Field, FL.

Commander Nolan's personal awards include the Port Security Unit Officer's Insignia, both the Advanced & Regular Boat Force Operations Insignia, the Response Operations Ashore Insignia, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (3 awards), the Army Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (5 awards), the Commandant's Letter of Commendation ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary & Service Medals, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with deployment device (6 deployments).