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CDR Eric Vryheid began his Coast Guard career as a Student Engineer and Damage Control Assistant aboard CGC RESOLUTE from 2007 to 2009 in St. Petersburg, FL, conducting search and rescue and law enforcement operations throughout the Caribbean, Bahamas, and Gulf of Mexico. From 2009 to 2010, he joined the pre-commissioning crew as the Assistant Engineer Officer, becoming a plank owner of CGC WAESCHE and helping establish the service's second National Security Cutter. From 2010 to 2012, he attended U.S. Navy Flight Training at NAS Whiting Field near Pensacola, FL, where he flew the T-6B and TH-57B/C and earned his designation as a Naval Aviator. From 2012 to 2016, he served as an MH-65C/D pilot at Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi, TX, flying search and rescue, law enforcement, and living marine resource missions along the U.S.–



Mexico maritime boundary in South Texas and the Gulf of America. He also held roles as the unit's Facilities Officer, Public Affairs Officer, Flight Scheduler, and Administration Officer. From 2016 to 2020, CDR Vryheid served as an MH-65D Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner at Air Station Miami, conducting search and rescue, law enforcement, migrant interdiction, and hurricane response missions in South Florida. He also held assignments as External Affairs Officer, Standardization Officer, Safety Department Head, and Assistant Operations Officer/Chief Rotary Wing Pilot.

From 2020 to 2022, following his operational tours in Coast Guard aviation, CDR Vryheid served as a Fellow in the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Majority. He assisted and advised Committee staff and three U.S. Senators on policy, oversight, and authorizations for the US Coast Guard, Maritime Administration, and Federal Maritime Commission. From 2022 to 2024, CDR Vryheid served as a Strategic Analyst at the Office of Emerging Policy (CG-DCO-X) at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters. There, he advised the Deputy Commandant for Operations on strategic foresight and new policy areas for the Coast Guard.

CDR Vryheid graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and in 2025 earned a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.