



Thomas E. Crabbs **Captain, U.S. Coast Guard** **Pacific Area Chief of Staff**

Captain Crabbs reported as Pacific Area Chief of Staff following assignment as Pacific Area Chief of Operations where he directly supported multi-mission interagency operations throughout the 74-million-square mile Pacific Theater. His duties included resourcing and execution of the Coast Guard's Western Hemisphere and Arctic strategies, stewardship of Fleet sustainment and modernization initiatives, integration of Deployable Specialized Forces to the Operational Commander enterprise, and incorporation of international partnerships that advanced maritime safety, security, and stewardship across the Pacific theater.

A seasoned mariner, he has completed seven sea-going assignments, including commanding officer of USCGC BERTHOLF (WMSL 750), Alameda, California; BOUTWELL (WHEC 719), Alameda, California; and THETIS (WMEC 910), Key West, Florida. He also served as Commander, Task Unit 44.7 for Operation Southeast Watch-Haiti following the 2010 earthquake. In this role, Captain Crabbs combined Coast Guard surface and air assets to ensure safety, security and stability following the devastating natural disaster in Haiti.

Captain Crabbs' shore assignments include Atlantic Area Operational Oversight and International Affairs in Portsmouth, Virginia; two Joint Interagency Task Force tours (South & West); Liaison Officer to the Navy Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City Beach, Florida; and Commanding Officer Long Range Aid to Navigation Station Sellia Marina, Italy.

His awards include two Joint Meritorious Service medals, six Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and two Navy Achievement Medals.

Captain Crabbs was raised in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and is a 1985 graduate of Elon College, North Carolina, earning Bachelor's degrees in Political Science and History. He also holds a Masters of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Brandman University. Captain Crabbs received his commission from Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Virginia, in 1987. He is also a 1989 graduate of the U.S. Navy Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City Beach, Florida.