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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Coast Guard Veteran and Marine Safety Specialist who rose to Captain/O6 rank (only 6% of Coast Guard officers achieve), directed 100s of personnel and \$100Ks budgets with a Top-Secret Security Clearance leveraging 25+ years of experience ensuring commercial vessels and marine facilities conformed to US and International maritime safety, security and environmental protection regulations; overseeing investigations of marine accidents and oil spill clean ups, managing federal waterways/ports, and ensuring maintenance of aids to navigation. Adept at leading teams of 150+ in a dynamic, fast-paced environment. Possesses a comprehensive background in regulatory compliance, safety, and health hazard assessments, investigations, and complex problem solving derived from conducting domestic and global operations. Managed risk to oil facilities valued in billions of dollars and with tremendous environmental hazard potential and cruise ships with over 9,000 lives onboard.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**The United States Coast Guard – Various Locations** **1991 – 2019**

**Program Manager | Chief, Prevention Division Honolulu, HI Rank- Captain/O6** **2016-2019**

Oversaw District prevention program, 100+ personnel, \$350K budget, across 12.2 M square mile area of responsibility to include 2 Sectors and Far East Activities covering the Hawaiian Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, and activities throughout Asia, to include proper execution of all commercial vessel and waterfront facility inspections, investigations, waterways management, including aids to navigation & three 225' Coast Guard Coastal Buoy Tenders, recreational boating safety, & 400 volunteer civilian auxiliaries,

- Led aids to navigation mission analysis team that gained aids to navigation operational efficiencies which enabled District wide deepwater fisheries patrols while meeting aids to navigation maintenance requirements
- Re-prioritized & redirected \$200K in buoy purchases, repairs, & transport; enabled \$55K savings & ensured Coast Guard's most remote buoy tender met mission for coming year+
- Oversaw drydock/dockside remediation and carefully avoided schedule/capability impacts; solved chronic problems, executed highest-priority President of the United States protection patrol, region-stabilizing fisheries Maritime Law Enforcement patrol, federal aid missions deferred for 3+ years critical to Department of Defense and safe navigation

**Commanding Officer Marine Safety Unit Morgan City, LA Rank- Captain/O6** **2013-2016**

Led 177 personnel, \$560K budget, in the Coast Guard's largest Marine Safety Unit that oversaw the largest and most active offshore oil exploration and production area of the US and included an area that covered 65,000 square miles of the Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico, and 342 miles of inland waterways,

- Led responses to four loss of well control events including a \$50M response
- Coordinated yearly responses of up to 1,600 pollution reports, six major marine casualty investigations, and the largest vessel inspections staff and workload in the US Coast Guard; shifted personnel as needed to reduce a 30-day backlog of inspections at sub-unit and ensured quick response to all pollution cases
- Managed multiple complex safety of life, pollution potential, waterways impact issues, interagency coordination to develop and execute plan to safely tow huge damaged rig through multiple Captain of the Port zones across the Gulf of Mexico for repair
- Garnered enhanced moorage requirements, stakeholder input, and risk analysis during a huge flood event to keep major river system & intercoastal waterway open past previous flood benchmark, enabling 907 additional tows while maintaining safety of 3 bridge system & critical shoreline infrastructure

**Department Supervisor | *Chief, Prevention Department Miami, FL* Rank- Commander/O5 2010-2013**

Supervised 89 full time, 19 part-time personnel, \$100K budget, all US and Port State Control/Foreign vessel, facility and marine inspections, waterways management, and navigation aids along a 182 nautical mile coastline with world's 2 largest cruise ports.

- Managed training schedules, qualifications of personnel, work performance evaluations, and readiness for operation of assets to ensure mission readiness of the department
- Oversaw 4,000 vessel inspections, 1,200 facility inspections, 500 marine event applications, 100 safety and security zones, and 950 marine casualty and pollution investigations resulting in 40 vessel detentions and 15 facility closures
- Implemented novel solution to Coast Guard Authorization Act requirement to count vessels transiting waterway over three week period saving 7,500 man hours and weeks of ship resource time
- Created measures program that improved efficiency & reduced year to year cycle time by 42%, 35%, & 86% respectively for US vessel casework, marine event permit review, & aids to navigation environmental review

***Deputy Sector Commander Portland, OR* Rank- Commander/O5 2009-2010**

2<sup>nd</sup> in command of unit with 300 personnel, \$1.2M budget with three subordinate units covering three states (OR/WA/ID), 2<sup>nd</sup> largest US inland river marine transportation system; #1 US port for grain export; 350 miles of coastline and 69K square miles offshore.

- Coordinated response and maritime homeland security operations with two Air stations/Groups and ten small boat stations; Search and Rescue/Maritime Law Enforcement; Command Center; Port Contingency Plans/Readiness.
- Oversaw the first major base rehabilitation in decades, exceeding \$1.6 million and involving 150 contractors. The project encompassed a major HVAC installation, new roofs, upgrades to the kitchen, base-wide electrical and sewer upgrades, emergency power installations, and a new Chief Petty Officer's Mess.
- Shaved \$2.3M civil engineering contracts, rightsized vehicle/cell phone inventory, saved \$200K, garnered 90% of requested fallout funds, engaged detailers/receiving commands to increase or extend billets in support of Sector move; greatly improved unit/Area of Responsibility capabilities.

***Chief, Systems Engineering Division, Headquarters, Washington, DC* Rank- Commander/O5 2008-2009**

Supervises 2 military/3 GS-14/2 GS-13 engineers, 6 with engineering masters degrees, in developing customer-focused, risk-based marine, electrical, and environmental engineering regulations, standards, & policies for commercial shipping.

- Chaired an International Maritime Organization (IMO) work group and then a drafting group during two different sessions of its Design and Equipment subcommittee meetings composed of 30 international delegates on notoriously contentious issues, forged consensus and cleared the way to implement critical standards on preserving ships' structures; improving safety and consistency for international shipping.
- Acted as Secretary of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) committee on Ships and Marine Technology, machinery and piping subcommittee, and initiated and progressed a shore power standard for ships to safely reduce in port emissions around the globe.

***Various roles as junior officer***

***1991-2008***

Upon graduation from US Coast Guard Academy, commissioned an Ensign in the Coast Guard and assigned as Student Engineer on a ship for two years. Qualified for all engineering watches and officer in charge of bridge watch. The next assignment was ashore at Marine Safety Office Portland, OR, where qualified to inspect all types of US and foreign ships and barges to ensure compliance with US and International regulations for safety, security, and environmental protection. Follow on assignments were at Marine Safety Offices in Guam and Tampa, FL, where gained experience in port operations, waterways management, and pollution response, and achieved ever greater leadership positions over all ashore competencies previously learned.

**EDUCATION**

Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Information Management | Grantham University  
Master of Mechanical Engineering (MME) | University of South Florida  
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering | US Coast Guard Academy