

Tom Griffiths

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US Coast Guard Captain with 26 years of leadership experience in Marine Safety, Ship Inspection, Port Security, Emergent Maritime Operations, Maritime Homeland Security, Crisis Response Management and Environmental Protection. Skilled in operational and maritime strategy planning, conflict resolution among waterway users and in balancing competing demands for natural resources. Established and maintained effective working relationships across International, Federal, State and local boundaries.

Skills & Abilities

- Leadership
- 20+ years marine/ship inspection
- Conflict resolution
- Auditing
- Inter-agency cooperation
- Risk management

Experience

COMMANDING OFFICER | MARINE SAFETY UNIT PORTLAND | JUNE 2016 – PRESENT

- Officer in Charge Marine Inspection, responsible for the safe, professional, effective execution of Coast Guard operations and marine safety missions in Oregon, southern Washington, and Idaho. Led 130 people to ensure safety and security of \$23B/year maritime transportation system in Oregon, Southern Washington and Southern Idaho. Managed and facilitated flow of maritime commerce through leadership of USCG commercial vessel inspections and investigations, aids to navigation cutters, marine event permit management and regulation of waterfront facilities. Responsible for operational and maritime strategy planning, conflict resolution among waterway users and balancing competing demands for natural resources. Established and maintained effective working relationships across International, Federal, State and local boundaries.

DEPUTY SECTOR COMMANDER | SECTOR PUGET SOUND | JULY 2014 – JUNE 2016

- Second in command, led 780 people and 15 Coast Guard units to ensure the safety and security of the Maritime Transportation System in Puget Sound, Montana, Northern Washington and Idaho. Fostered strong teams at one of Coast Guard's large operational commands to achieve organizational goals and mission. Developed strong internal and external partnerships. Excelled at risk-based decision making.

TRAVELLING MARINE INSPECTOR | USCG HEADQUARTERS | JULY 2012 – JUNE 2014

- One of four senior officers selected as a subject matter expert for commercial vessel inspections and safety system audit oversight throughout the US, relied on to provide expertise to USCG field units and USCG Training Center. Led/implemented national training initiatives for USCG Marine Inspectors.

USCG VARIOUS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS | APRIL 1992 – JUNE 2012

- 2009-2012: Int'l Port Security Program (IPSP)/Executive Officer, USCG Japan. Led CG missions in Asia-Pac Region, managed \$1M budget. Led Liaison Officer port security engagements with foreign governments. Assessed Port Security compliance in Asia-Pacific
- 2007-2009: Chief Inspection Division, Sector Portland, OR. Led 50 people executing vessel and port facility safety and security inspection and auditing programs in OR, WA and ID.
- 2004-2007: Int'l Port Security Liaison Officer, Singapore. USCG Port Security Liaison to Southeast Asian governments. Led security assessment and professional exchanges. Chosen as APEC port security expert for multi-year security capacity building project in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.
- 2003-2004: Chief, Planning, MSO/Sector Honolulu. Implemented Maritime Transportation Security Act requirements in Hawaii and American Samoa, including security plan review and security inspections for all regulated facilities.
- 1992-2003: USCG various locations: Kodiak, AK, Alameda, CA, New York, NY, Bucksport, ME, American Samoa, Honolulu, HI. Duties included, Harbor Defense/Port Security Planner, Marine Inspector, Marine Investigator, Facility Inspector, Pollution Responder and Contingency Planner.

Education

MASTER OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE | MAY 2004 | UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I | 3.90

BACHELOR OF ARTS, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS | DECEMBER 1991 | EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY | 3.419