



## Captain Gordon Loebel

Commander, Sector New York  
United States Coast Guard



Captain Gordon Loebel currently commands Coast Guard Sector New York which has more than 700 active duty personnel, 75 civilian employees, 350 reservists, and 2000 Auxiliary members with operational assets that include seven cutters, three small boat stations, and two aids to navigation teams. Overall, the Sector is charged with ensuring the safety, security, and stewardship of the Port of New York and New Jersey as well as the Hudson River beyond Albany, New York. In 2012, he led the Coast Guard response and recovery efforts to Hurricane Sandy.

Prior to this assignment, Captain Loebel served as Chief, Office of Quality Assurance & Traveling Inspections at Coast Guard Headquarters where he played a key role developing and implementing the Coast Guard's comprehensive Marine Safety Improvement Plan. This included establishing and leading seven National Centers of Expertise across the country. During this tour, he also served as Executive Assistant to the Federal On-Scene Coordinator in New Orleans, Louisiana for the *Deepwater Horizon* Spill of National Significance response effort.



In 2007, Captain Loebel reported to the Coast Guard Personnel Command in Arlington, Virginia where he served as Chief of the Officer Assignments Branch and directly supervised all Assignment Officers. Previous staff assignments also include the Office of Investigations & Analysis at Coast Guard Headquarters where he developed enforcement regulations and policies related to civil penalties and the Suspension & Revocation process.

Captain Loebel's field tours include: Coast Guard Cutter *Morgenthau*; Marine Inspection Office New York; Marine Safety Office Honolulu; Chief of Prevention at Coast Guard Activities Baltimore; Executive Officer of Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay; and Chief of Prevention at Sector San Francisco. Highlights of these tours include: inspecting U.S. commercial vessels operating throughout the Far East, India, Australia, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East during Operation Desert Shield; lead project officer for reactivating the Cove Point Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility in Lusby, Maryland and the return of LNG shipping to the Chesapeake Bay; and helping to coordinate the National Capital Region's response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks in Washington, D.C.

A native of Highland Park, Illinois, Captain Loebel graduated in 1984 from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Marine Affairs; and from the University of Virginia in 1995 with a Master of Arts in Marine Affairs.

His personal awards include four Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and the Department of Transportation's 9/11 Medal. His wife, Nancy, is from Honolulu, Hawaii. They have two daughters and a chocolate Labrador retriever.