

# **CAPTAIN JOHN D. GALLAGHER**

## **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Captain John D. Gallagher is an Information Technology Specialist who has served in a variety of afloat and shore assignments on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

He is currently the Deputy Chief, Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology Service Center (C4IT SC), located in Alexandria, Virginia.

A native of Rockland, MA, Captain Gallagher graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. His first assignment was as a Deck Watch Officer, First Lieutenant, and Weapons Officer onboard USCGC VIGILANT in New Bedford, MA, conducting law enforcement operations from Georgia's Banks to the Southern Caribbean. From 1988 through 1991, he served as the LEDET Coordinator for LEDET 5D in Portsmouth, VA. Following this tour he served as an instructor at the CG Maritime Law Enforcement School, Yorktown, VA.

Captain Gallagher served onboard USCGC RELIANCE, Portsmouth, NH, as the Operations Officer from 1992 through 1995. He then attended Northeastern University, Boston, MA and received a Masters of Science Degree in Computer Science. In 1997 he was assigned as the Engineering Application Branch Chief at the CG Command and Control Engineering Center, Portsmouth, VA. He then served as the Executive Officer onboard USCGC ACTIVE, Port Angeles, WA from 2000 through 2002. Highlights of this tour were the record 13.2 ton cocaine seizure of the Fishing Vessel SVESDA MARU and the underway response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Following his Executive Officer tour, Captain Gallagher served as Commanding Officer of the Electronic Systems Support Unit in Cleveland, Ohio from 2002 through 2005.

In June 2005, Captain Gallagher was assigned to Maintenance and Logistics Command (MLCLANT) Atlantic, Electronic Systems Division as the Resources Branch Chief. In June 2006, he was internally reassigned as the Equipment Branch Chief. In April 2008, Captain Gallagher was promoted and reassigned as the MLC Atlantic Electronic Systems Division Chief. In June 2010, as part of the Coast Guard's Modernization Effort, he was reassigned served as the Field Services Division Chief overseeing the daily operation of all 11 Coast Guard Electronic Systems Support Commands.

Captain Gallagher's awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation, Coast Guard Unit Commendation Ribbons, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbons, three Sea Service Ribbons and the permanent Cutterman's insignia among others.

Captain Gallagher is married to the former Rima Dzikas of West Hartford, Connecticut. They have two daughters, Danielle and Sara.