

Lieutenant Jonathan Rice

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Jonathan P. Rice reported to Coast Guard Cutter GALVESTON ISLAND (WPB 1349) in May 2011 after serving a year overseas as Commanding Officer, PATROL FORCES SOUTHWEST ASIA Relief Crew, home ported in the Kingdom of Bahrain, where he assumed command of six Coast Guard patrol boats executing maritime security operations and critical infrastructure protection across the Arabian Gulf in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN. He also served as Liaison Officer to Bahrain and Kuwait and Officer in Charge of Coast Guard's most Forward Operating Base, Kuwait Naval Base.

LT Rice graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 2003 earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and a Commission as Officer in the United States Coast Guard. He was first assigned as First Lieutenant and Deck Watch Officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter TAHOMA (WMEC 908) and served in Command positions aboard Coast Guard Cutter's ATTU (WPB 1317) and SITKINAK (WPB 1329) conducting Maritime Search and Rescue, Drug Interdiction, Immigration Enforcement, and Fisheries Enforcement in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Straits of Florida, and Gulf of Mexico. In 2007, LT Rice was assigned to the First District Command Center in Boston, MA and directed all Coast Guard missions across 2,000 miles of coastline from the U.S.-Canadian border to New Jersey.

LT Rice is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management from the American Military University and his personal awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (x2), and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation. He is a native of New Hampshire and is married to former Lisa Marie LaPerle of Sterling, Massachusetts. They welcomed their first child to the Galveston Island family in November 2011.