



**LEIUTENANT BRENDAN C. SHIELDS
COMMANDING OFFICER
USCGC STATEN ISLAND (WPB-1345)**

LT Shields was born in Queens, NY and raised in Wilmington, DE. He attended the Elliot School of International Affairs at the George Washington University and earned a BA in International Affairs in 1998.

LT Shields earned his commission from Officer Candidate School in February 2003. After commissioning, he was assigned for duty aboard USCGC CYPRESS (WLB 210) a 225-ft Sea Going Buoy Tender in Mobile, AL. While aboard the CYPRESS he conducted Aids to Navigation operations throughout the Gulf of Mexico as well as deployed to Haiti in support of Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations after the fall of the Haitian government in 2004. LT Shields served as Deck Watch Officer, Weapons Officer and Operations Officer. In May 2004, he volunteered and served 10 months as Operations Officer aboard USCGC MONOMOY (WPB 1326) which deployed to the Northern Arabian Gulf in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

In July of 2005, LT Shields reported for duty as the Executive Officer of USCGC KODIAK ISLAND (WPB 1341) home ported in St Petersburg, FL.

During his two years as Executive Officer, KODIAK ISLAND conducted Search and Rescue, Fisheries enforcement and Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations throughout the Gulf of Mexico, Straights of Florida and Caribbean. In August of 2007, he reported for duty as a Command Duty Officer at the Coast Guard National Command Center in Washington, DC. As Command Duty Officer, LT Shields was responsible for the senior staff daily operations brief as well as maintaining an overall Coast Guard operations picture during cases of national significance such as the hurricane seasons of 2007 & 2008, drug and migrant interdiction cases, pollution response and national security events.

LT Shields is reporting from USCG Patrol Forces Southwest Asia, Manama, Bahrain where he served as Commanding Officer – Relief Crew. Through the 12 month deployment he served as Commanding Officer of USCGC AQUIDNECK, USCGC MAUI, USCGC ADAK, USCGC MONOMOY as well as being the co-lead for the Iraqi Patrol Ship Training Team – IQN SHAMOOQ (PS704).