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Captain Nguyen was the first Vietnamese-born Coast Guard Academy graduate. He was a member of the Class of 1986. He achieved the distinction as an Academy Scholar.

Upon graduation, he was assigned to the USCGC VALIANT, a 210-foot cutter, homeported in Galveston, Texas as an assistant engineer officer. In 1988, he was selected to command the LORAN-C Station in Gesashi, Okinawa, Japan.

From 1991 to 1995, Captain Nguyen served as a staff chemical engineer at the Marine Safety Center in Washington, DC. Captain Nguyen's other field assignments in the Marine Safety Program include Chief, Merchant Vessel Safety Department at Marine Safety Unit Galveston, Texas; Deputy Commander, Activities Far East, Japan; and Commanding Officer, Marine

Safety Office Duluth, Minnesota; Executive Officer, Marine Safety Center.

From 2007 to 2010, Captain Nguyen served as Commander, Sector Ohio Valley. In 2008, Sector Ohio Valley won the Coast Guard Innovation Award in Management. In 2009, the Sector earned the first Coast Guard Alexander Hamilton for Excellence in the Large-Operational-Ashore category. In 2010, the unit was awarded a Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation.

On April 27, 2010, Department of Homeland Security and Department of Interior designated Captain Nguyen as the Coast Guard Co-chair for the DHS-DOI joint investigation into the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon casualty, which resulted in the death of eleven people, the vessel's sinking, and the largest oil spill in the U.S. history. Coast Guard team members were awarded the 2012 Congressman James Sener Award for Excellence in Marine Investigation.

In July 2012, after serving as the Chief, Prevention Division of the Coast Guard District Fourteen in Honolulu, Hawaii, Captain Nguyen retired from the Coast Guard and joined the Senior Executive Service as the Federal Security Director Raleigh-Durham.

Captain Nguyen is the recipient of a Legion of Merit Medal, four Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, DOT 9-11 Medal, four Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Commandant's Letters of Commendation, Global War on Terrorism Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, and Humanitarian Service Medal.

Captain Nguyen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, a Master of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Rice University, and a Master of Business Administration from Averett College. Captain Nguyen completed the Council for Excellence in Government Fellowship and the Naval Postgraduate School's Homeland Security Executive Leaders Program.

