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Captain Paul Thomas currently serves as the Director of Inspections and Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. He oversees policy and regulations guiding inspections, investigations, port security assessments, boating safety/auxiliary and facility security. Prior to this assignment he served as Deputy to the Director of Prevention Policy and Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship at Coast Guard Headquarters.

A specialist in Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection he has served at the Marine Safety Center in Washington DC, Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay, CA, Marine Safety Detachment Port Canaveral, FL, and Marine Safety Office Jacksonville, FL. He has also served as Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Galveston, TX, and as Commander Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, FL.

His other tours include Military Assistant to the Director of Net Assessment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon, Commanding Officer in USCGC CAPE ROMAIN and Operations Officer in USCGC BLACKHAW.

A licensed Professional Engineer, Captain Thomas is a graduate of the US Coast Guard Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2005 he completed a National Security Fellowship at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and in 2010 he served as a Senior Fellow to the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group (SSG XXIX).

His military awards include the Armed Forces Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Transportation 9/11 Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal (2 awards), and Coast Guard Commandants Letter of Commendation (2 awards).

