



Captain Robert P. Wagner Commanding Officer USCGC DALLAS (WHEC 716)



Captain Wagner became DALLAS' twenty-third Commanding Officer in January 2008. Having spent over half his career at sea, his six previous afloat assignments include command of USCGC POINT HIGHLAND (WPB-82333), an 82-foot patrol boat homeported in Chincoteague, Virginia; USCGC ORCAS (WPB-1327), a 110-foot patrol boat homeported in Coos Bay, Oregon; and USCGC BEAR (WMEC-901), a 270-foot cutter homeported in Portsmouth, Virginia. Throughout his sea-going career, he has been involved in a number of high-profile drug, migrant, and fisheries enforcement missions, and he has completed two major deployments aboard cutters in support of the U.S. Navy. Notably, in the summer of 2005, he commanded BEAR during the first deployment of a U.S. Coast Guard cutter to North and West Africa in support of Commander, Naval Forces Europe's Theater Security Cooperation and Global War on Terrorism mission in this increasingly strategic region.



His most recent shore assignment was as Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commandant for Resources & Chief Financial Officer at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. Previous assignments include Senior Controller in the Operations and Rescue Coordination Center for the Fifth Coast Guard District, duty on the Atlantic Area Major Cutter Forces staff, and the Office of Budget & Programs within Coast Guard Headquarters where he was responsible for the formulation, justification, and programmatic execution of the Coast Guard's annual budget related to Homeland Security.

Captain Wagner is a native of Washington, D.C. A 1985 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, he holds a Masters of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College. In 2004, he completed an executive fellowship in national security through the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI program, and in 2007 he became the first Coast Guard officer to complete the Department of Homeland Security's Fellowship program. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards) with the Operational Distinguishing device, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three awards) with the Operational Distinguishing Device, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (four awards) with the Operational Distinguishing Device, and numerous other personal and service awards.