

Lieutenant Commander Alain V. Balmaceda

United States Coast Guard

Executive Officer, USCGC ESCANABA (WMEC 907)



Lieutenant Commander Balmaceda reported aboard as Executive Officer aboard USCGC ESCANABA in July 2010.

A native of California, Maryland, Lieutenant Commander Balmaceda is a 1996 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. Upon graduation from the Academy, he served as a Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC THETIS and USCGC SPENCER homeported in Key West, FL and Boston, MA respectively from 1996-1998. From 1998-2000, he served as a member of the commissioning crew and Plank Owner aboard the polar icebreaker USCGC HEALY on her maiden voyage across the Northwest Passage enroute her homeport in Seattle, WA. While assigned to USCGC HEALY, he completed EOD dive qualifications through the U.S. Navy Dive and Salvage Training Center in Panama

City, FL and served as a member of USCGC HEALY's first polar icebreaking dive team in support of National Science Foundation Arctic missions. From 2000-2002, he attended the University of Illinois where he completed his Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. Following post graduate training, he was assigned to Civil Engineering Unit Oakland where he served as a project engineer and the Ocean Engineering Branch Chief. Lieutenant Commander Balmaceda's most recent operational assignment was as Operations Officer aboard the USCGC GALLATIN homeported in Charleston, SC from 2004-2006. His tour aboard USCGC GALLATIN was highlighted by record drug busts in the Caribbean Sea and direct relief efforts in support of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina and Rita.

From 2006-2010, Lieutenant Commander Balmaceda served as the Chief, Atlantic Area Force Readiness Branch, more commonly known as the Atlantic Area Training Team. As a result of Coast Guard Modernization efforts, the Atlantic Area Training Team transitioned under the Coast Guard's newly established Force Readiness Command (FORCECOM) where Lieutenant Commander Balmaceda assumed command of the newly commissioned unit, USCG TRAINING TEAM EAST.

Lieutenant Commander Balmaceda's personal awards include two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and three Coast Guard Letters of Commendation.

Lieutenant Commander Balmaceda is married to the former Anne-Marie Caraig of Pensacola, Florida. They have two children, Isabel (5) and Lucas (2). They have two children, Isabel (5) and Lucas (2).