



Captain Andrew J. Tiongson

Commanding Officer USCGC JAMES (WMSL 754)



Captain Tiongson is the Commanding Officer of the fifth National Security Cutter, USCGC JAMES (WMSL 754). He returned to the cutter fleet after completing a tour as Chief, Office of Budget and Programs at Coast Guard Headquarters. In this position, he was the Coast Guard's Budget Officer responsible for the formulation and justification of the \$10 billion budget. He is a career Cutterman with a wide array of key staff experience.

His previous afloat assignments include four Coast Guard cutters and one U.S. Navy ship. He has served in three Command Cadre positions: Commanding Officer onboard USCGC NANTUCKET (WPB 1316) and USCGC LEGARE (WMEC 912), and as Executive Officer onboard USCGC MOHAWK (WMEC 913). During his initial sea tour, he served as Damage Control Assistant and Assistant Engineer Officer onboard USCGC ESCANABA (WMEC 907). Following this assignment, he participated in the U.S. Coast Guard - U.S. Navy exchange program, serving as the Fire Control Officer and Navigation and Administration Department Head onboard USS NORMANDY (CG-60) where he deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm.



His staff assignments include two system acquisition tours at Coast Guard Headquarters. The first was in the Office of Logistics Management as the Assistant Project Officer of the Configuration Management Project for shipboard logistics management. Later, he served in the Acquisitions Directorate as Assistant Project Manager for the Rescue 21 project; the largest command and control acquisition in Coast Guard history. Captain Tiongson served as a Budget Coordinator and Program Reviewer in the Office of Budget and Programs at Headquarters. He served in the Office of Congressional Affairs as a Fellow; Senior Policy Advisor on domestic and international illicit drug issues and Veterans' Affairs to the Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives. He also served as Executive Assistant to the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard where he supported the Commandant and Vice Commandant on strategic policy and budget matters.

Captain Tiongson's personal awards include two Legions of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the U.S. Navy Achievement Medal, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation and various Service and unit awards. He is a permanent Cutterman and has earned the U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer designation.

Captain Tiongson is a 1989 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. He holds two Master degrees from The George Washington University; Mechanical Engineering and Environmental and Energy Management. He was also a System Design and Management Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he earned a Master of Science in Engineering and Management, a joint degree from MIT's Sloan School of Management and Engineering School. Most recently, he completed MIT's one-year Seminar XXI program on foreign politics, international relations and the national interest.