



Commander James E. Andrews serves as Commanding Officer, USCGC DAUNTLESS (WMEC 624), the Coast Guard's only major cutter in the state of Texas. His most recent tour of duty was as the Coast Guard Personnel Service Center's Chief of the Officer Boards, Promotions and Separations Branch. In that capacity, he was responsible for all active duty officer promotions, selections for promotions, maintenance of the active duty precedence list and production of the Register of Officers, officer appointments, chief warrant officer specialty laterals, resignations, releases from active duty, retirements and managing the active duty Flag corps.

Commander Andrews' previous afloat tours include as Executive Officer in USCGC THETIS (WMEC 910), in Key West, Florida; as Commanding Officer and Executive Officer in USCGC THUNDER BAY (WTGB 108) in Rockland, Maine; and as Operations Officer in USCGC HORNBEAM (WLB 394), in Cape May, New Jersey. He is a permanent cutterman. Following post-graduate studies at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography, he obtained a Master's of Science degree in Chemical Oceanography in 1997, studying physical and chemical dynamics in estuaries. His ashore tours include duty as the Science Operations Officer and Ice Operations Officer at the International Ice Patrol, logging nearly four hundred flight hours in Coast Guard HC-130 aircraft locating icebergs threatening North Atlantic shipping lanes. He also served as the Intelligence and C4IT detailer and Senior Special Staff and Support detailer in Officer Assignments at Coast Guard Personnel Command.

Commander Andrews is a 1991 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, where he majored in Applied Science, played rugby, saxophone and served as Class Vice President. His father was a mustang Quartermaster in the Coast Guard, serving 27 years on active duty between Vietnam, New England, the Caribbean and the Gulf Coast, and retiring as a Lieutenant Commander in 1983. Notably, in 1976-1977, Commander Andrews' father served as Operations Officer in USCGC VALIANT, DAUNTLESS' sister ship, then stationed in Galveston, Texas, where Commander Andrews attended the second and third grade.

Commander Andrews' personal decorations and awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar, as well as numerous team and unit awards. He has twice been nominated to compete for appointment to represent the Coast Guard as Astronaut Candidate trainee, was a runner-up for the Witherspoon Inspirational Leadership award, and earned the Commandant's Quality Award (Bronze Level) while assigned as Commanding Officer, CGC THUNDER BAY, at the time the smallest Coast Guard cutter ever so honored.

Commander Andrews is married to the former Valerie Caroline Crandell, a registered nurse and Instructor in the School of Nursing at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). Commander and Mrs. Andrews have two children: Megan (10 years old) and Jimmy (8 years old).