



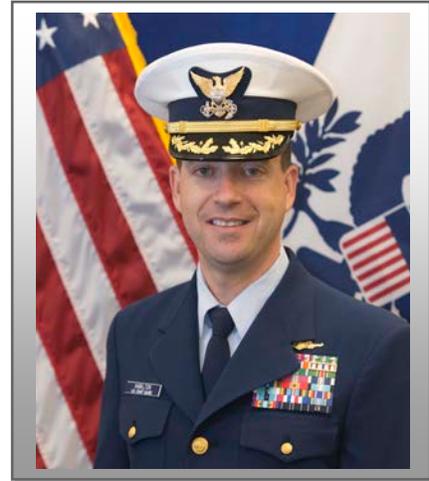
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## **CAPTAIN JASON R. HAMILTON**

Captain Hamilton assumed command of USCGC HEALY in June 2015. He is an icebreaker sailor who has completed multiple Antarctic, Arctic, and Great Lakes ice-breaking missions. Captain Hamilton is also a judge advocate who has served with distinction in various legal officer positions.

He graduated with honors from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Government. Upon commissioning, he served as a Deck Watch Officer and Operations Officer aboard USCGC PAPA W (WLB 308). Next, he was assigned to USCGC MACKINAW (WAGB 83), where he began his ice-breaking career sailing throughout the Great Lakes region.



His Polar-class ice-breaking tours include Operations Officer aboard USCGC POLAR STAR (WAGB 10) and Executive Officer aboard USCGC POLAR SEA (WAGB 11). As Operations Officer he participated in two Deep Freeze Missions including a direct great circle transit from Seattle to Antarctica to conduct the first U.S./Russian joint break-in and resupply of McMurdo Station. Captain Hamilton also helped plan and execute relief efforts in Western Samoa following Cyclone Olaf. As Executive Officer he oversaw the restoration of USCGC POLAR SEA's science capabilities and two successful Arctic research deployments. During the summer of 2015 he commanded a multi-disciplinary Arctic expedition that culminated in USCGC HEALY becoming the first unaccompanied U.S. surface vessel to reach the North Pole.

Captain Hamilton received his Juris Doctor from the University of Washington School of Law where he served as an editor on the Washington Law Review. He is licensed to practice law in Washington State and before the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Captain Hamilton is a certified military judge. His legal tours include staff attorney and later Staff Judge Advocate for the Thirteen Coast Guard District, Chief of Military Justice at Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific, and Chief of the Prevention Law Group in the Coast Guard office of Maritime and International Law. He has served on multiple U.S. delegations to the International Maritime Organization and the Arctic Council Task Force on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response. His work on the Deepwater Horizon interagency litigation and settlement team resulted in settlements for the largest environmental criminal penalties in U.S. history (over \$5 billion). He also previously served as Executive Assistant to the Pacific Area Commander.

His honors and awards include the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals (operational distinguishing device), three Commendation Medals (operational distinguishing device), two Achievement Medals (operational distinguishing device), and the Department of State Superior Honor award.



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