

Captain Michael Danish, USCG Finance Center, Commanding Officer



CAPT Mike Danish assumed the duties of the US Coast Guard Finance Center (FINCEN) Commanding Officer on January 14, 2022. As Commanding Officer, CAPT Danish leads a team of over 500 civil service, military and contractor professionals to process payments, account for revenue, collections, intergovernmental transactions and property, and generate financial reports for the U.S. Coast Guard. FINCEN also delivers a similar portfolio of services to the Transportation Security Administration and the Countering Weapons of

Mass Destruction Office, which are both fellow entities within the Department of Homeland Security.

Previously, CAPT Danish served at Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, NC where he served as the unit's Engineering Officer and an HC-130J pilot. He led a team of 201 to provide total maintenance and technical support for five HC-130J maritime patrol aircraft and three MH-60T rescue helicopters to execute all Coast Guard Atlantic Area missions from Europe to Central America, the Eastern Pacific and the Caribbean Sea. CAPT Danish also served as the Coast Guard's Long Range Surveillance Product Line Manager, leading worldwide support of the Coast Guard's 34 Lockheed Martin HC-130 aircraft and two Gulfstream C-37 executive transport aircraft. His responsibilities include public aircraft airworthiness authority and oversight of all fleet engineering, supply, and maintenance.

CAPT Danish has also served as the Deputy Chief, Office of Internal Control at Coast Guard Headquarters where he led 20 civilian, military, and contract accountants to assess risk and evaluate the performance of the Coast Guard's financial controls and management assurance frameworks. His team directly supported the initial and four consecutive un-modified financial statement audit opinions during his tenure. Additionally, CAPT Danish conducted extensive management consulting activities within the US Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security to implement enterprise risk management frameworks to improve data driven management oversight while reducing bureaucratic process.

Earlier Coast Guard operational assignments include serving as the HC-144 Ocean Sentry Engineering Officer at Coast Guard Air Station Miami, FL where he supported law enforcement and search and rescue operations throughout Florida and the Caribbean. Upon graduation from US Navy flight school, he was assigned to fly the HU-25 Falcon at Coast Guard Group/Air Station Corpus Christi, TX executing missions throughout the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea, including the response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005. His first Coast Guard assignment was as a Deck Watch Officer aboard of the CGC MADRONA in Charleston, SC.

CAPT Danish graduated with honors from the US Coast Guard Academy in 2000 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. A 2014 graduate of the Miami Herbert School of Business as valedictorian, he was conferred a Master in Business Administration with a concentration in Management Science and Six Sigma Quality Management. He is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and a Six Sigma Black Belt.

A lifetime competitive athlete, CAPT Danish has competed as a professional athlete in sailing, kiteboarding, and cycling. He has completed three IRONMAN triathlons including two World Championships in Kona, HI and is a 2017 USA Cycling Mountain Bike Masters National Champion. CAPT Danish and his wife Duffy have one son Edward.