

Captain Brenda .K. Kerr

Commanding Officer, Base Portsmouth



Captain Kerr reports to Base Portsmouth following her most recent tour as the Chief, Office of Logistics Policy (CG-44) in Washington, DC. She was responsible for logistics policy for the US Coast Guard, Logistics IT Systems and Program Management for the Director of Operational Logistics and Sector Logistics.

Captain Kerr is a 1991 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation she was assigned as the First Lieutenant aboard USCGC TAHOMA in Massachusetts. Following her afloat tour she was assigned to the Civil Engineering Unit in Providence, Rhode Island as a Design Engineer. While ashore she went on temporary assignment as the Navigator on the newly commissioned USCGC

VINDICATOR for operations off Haiti.

Missing the sea she went back as the Supply Officer aboard USCGC JARVIS in Hawaii and did a second tour aboard USCGC TAHOMA as the Operations Officer where she sailed the Baltic Sea, Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean. She went on to be the Head of Construction at the U.S. Coast Guard Facilities Design and Construction Command, Atlantic. She served as the Facilities Engineer at the Integrated Support Command Portsmouth, Virginia and led the Base's Emergency Reconstruction Team during Hurricane Katrina in Alabama and Mississippi. As a Director of Operational Logistics Plankowner she served as the Chief, Contingency and Deployable Logistics and was instrumental in the stand-up of the command. During her four year tenure she coordinated the Mission Support response to several major hurricanes, the Haiti Earthquake and the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

Captain Kerr earned a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering, Construction Management from the University Of Illinois. She was the first Civil Engineer in the Coast Guard to become a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP). She is a licensed Professional Engineer in Maryland and certified DHS Acquisition Program Manager.

Captain Kerr is married to Leah Trossen and their daughter Danielle is a Pharmacy major at the University of Kansas.

