



# Captain Kevin C. Kiefer

Chief of Staff, First Coast Guard District  
U.S. Coast Guard



Captain Kevin C. Kiefer serves as Chief of Staff for the First District in Boston, Massachusetts under the District Commander to oversee all Coast Guard missions across eight Northeast states executed by 11,000 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel, along with 30 cutters, 200 boats, and 8 aircraft.

He was previously the Coast Guard Sector Commander of Baltimore, Maryland where his area of responsibility included all Coast Guard missions throughout the state and the National Capitol Region (NCR). In this role, he served as Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection, and the region's Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator. He was also the maritime lead for the Joint Force Headquarters NCR Executive Team, a single-point central office of the five military branches and NORAD for planning, coordination and execution of operational military service missions in the NCR.



Prior to his time in Baltimore, Captain Kiefer held the position of Chief, Office of Port and Facility Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters where responsibilities included the Maritime Transportation Security Act; port resiliency; and strategy for the protection of dangerous cargoes, critical infrastructure, and high value assets. He was also a delegate to the International Maritime Organization where he worked on port and global supply chain security and maritime trade recovery. During the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Spill of National Significance oil spill response, Captain Kiefer served as Staff Director/Current Plans at the National Incident Command (NIC).

Captain Kiefer served as Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Huntington, WV and Executive Officer of Marine Safety Office (MSO) Corpus Christi, TX, during which time he was the lead planner for the nation's largest military outload operation in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Other field tours included MSO Tampa, FL and the Coast Guard Cutter VALIANT.

Captain Kiefer graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering in 1989. He earned a Master of Science degree in Engineering (Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering) and a Master of Engineering degree (Manufacturing) from the University of Michigan.

Personal decorations include five Meritorious Service Medals, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Department of Transportation 9-11 Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.