



Captain Tina J. Peña
Chief of Staff
U.S. Coast Guard Seventh District



Captain Peña currently serves as the Chief of Staff for the Seventh Coast Guard District (D7), headquartered in Miami, Florida. As Chief of Staff, she is responsible for the oversight of Coast Guard operations in the Southeast United States and the Caribbean basin and the leadership of a combined active duty, reserve, civilian and volunteer workforce of over 9,000 members. The Seventh District encompasses an area of 1.8 million square miles and shares operational borders with 34 Foreign Nations and Territories.

Prior to being selected as the D7 Chief of Staff, Captain Peña commanded Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico from June 2019 to June 2022 where she was responsible for law enforcement and search and rescue operations throughout the Caribbean basin. Prior to her assignment in Puerto Rico, Captain Peña attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base. She also had the privilege of commanding Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans from 2016 to 2018 and serving as the Aviation Engineer at Coast Guard Air Station Miami from 2013 to 2016.



Captain Peña's previous tours include Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City, NJ where she served as the Assistant Aviation Engineer and assisted in the stand-up of the National Capital Region's Air Defense Facility in Washington DC. In 2010, she attended Purdue University with a follow on assignment as CG-931's Aviation Acquisitions liaison at the Aviation Logistics Center, the Coast Guard's aviation depot maintenance facility. Captain Peña also served one tour afloat as a Deck Watch Officer assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter HAMILTON where she deployed to the Bering and Caribbean seas and supported law enforcement missions across the globe.

Captain Peña received her commission from Officer Candidate School in December 1995 and earned her wings of gold from Navy Flight Training in December 1999. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Florida and Master's Degrees in Public Administration from Troy University, Industrial Administration from Purdue University, and Military Strategic Studies from the Air War College. She has served as an Instructor Pilot and Aircraft Commander in all models of the H65 helicopter and has been qualified to conduct Rotary Wing Air Intercept missions. She has flown over 3,600 flight hours in the H65 and H60 helicopters and holds several FAA ratings to include rotary wing Airline Transport Pilot.

Her personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal and the CAPT Dorothy Stratton Leadership award.

Captain Peña is a native of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and married to James Peña originally from Dallas, Texas.