



**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER MARK TATARA**  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
USCGC ALERT (WMEC 630)  
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Lieutenant Commander Tatara assumed the duties as Executive Officer of USCGC ALERT (WMEC 630) in July 2025. Prior to this assignment, he served at Training Center Petaluma where oversaw the analysis, design, development, implementation, and evaluation of performance improvement products and training curriculum for eight "A" schools and 33 "C" school.

He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Upon commissioning, he reported to USCGC CONFIDENCE, homeported in Cape Canaveral, FL as a Deck Watch Officer. From 2013-2015, he served as Commanding Officer of USCGC DORADO, homeported in Crescent City, CA.

While ashore, from 2015-2017, Lieutenant Commander Tatara served as Military Aide to the Coast Guard Eleventh District Commander in Alameda, California. Subsequently, he returned to sea from 2017-2019 as the Operations Officer onboard USCGC VENTUROUS, homeported in St. Petersburg, FL, where he served as a first responder in Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane MARIA. From 2019 to 2021 he served as Commanding Officer of USCGC CHARLES SEXTON, homeported in Key West, FL. He had the unique opportunity in the fall of 2022 to serve as Commanding Officer of USCGC WINSLOW GRIESSER, homeported in San Juan. Puerto Rico for 90 days.

In 2021 he attended graduate school at Indiana University where he was awarded a Master of Arts in Education, Instructional Systems Technology. Additionally, he earned his Certified Professional in Talent Development certificate in 2025.

Lieutenant Commander Tatara's personal awards include Shellback, Order of the Ditch, Order of the Spanish Main, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Humanitarian Service Medals, and two Coast Guard Achievement Medals.