



**COMMANDER TIMOTHY C. SOMMELLA, USCG
COMMANDING OFFICER
USCGC DAUNTLESS (WMEC 624)**



Commander Timothy Sommella is the Commanding Officer of USCGC DAUNTLESS (WMEC 624) homeported out of Galveston, Texas.

He has held a variety of sea-going command and staff positions throughout his career, including eight years on five Coast Guard and Navy warships. Most recently, he served as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of the National Protection and Programs Directorate at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security responsible for cyber security and critical infrastructure protection policy. He previously served as the Coast Guard Liaison Office at the U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



His shipboard operational assignments include Executive Officer, second in command of USCGC VALIANT (WMEC 6210), based out of Jacksonville, Florida. He also served as a Deck Watch Officer on the USCGC VENTUROUS (WMEC 621), and then Navigator and Force Protection Officer of the USS O'BRIEN (DD 975) forwarded deployed to Japan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He commanded the USCGC WRANGELL (WPB 1332) in the Persian Gulf during Operation Iraqi Freedom, USCGC PADRE (WPB 1328) in Key West, Florida and is the current commanding officer of USCGC DAUNTLESS (WMEC 624) in Galveston, Texas.

Commander Sommella has completed a number of staff positions throughout his career specializing in public policy, budgeting, performance management, and human capital planning. He was a program examiner in the White House with the Office of Management and Budget where he focused on veteran employment and defense health initiatives. He served as a program reviewer with the U.S. Coast Guard's Office of Budget and Programs responsible for coordination of legislative analysis and policy evaluation of the service's Presidential Budget. He was also a program manager responsible for defining operational requirements and manpower staffing levels for shore-side units across the nation.

He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2000 with high honors earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Government and completed his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 2007. Commander Sommella is a member of the Association of Government Accountants and a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Commander Sommella's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Commendation and Achievement Medals, and Military Volunteer Service Medal. He is a qualified Navy Surface Warfare Officer and permanent Coast Guard Cutterman.



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