

COMMANDER BENJAMIN J. SPECTOR



Commander Spector, a native of Metuchen, New Jersey, graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Upon commissioning, he was assigned as a Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC SENECA (WMEC 906) homeported in Boston, Massachusetts. In 2005, he served as the Executive Officer aboard USCGC AQUIDNECK (WPB 1309), forward deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2006, he assumed command of USCGC CHINOOK (WPB 87308), homeported in New London, Connecticut.

CDR Spector attended Teachers College at Columbia University in 2008 where he received a Masters of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership while also completing the Eisenhower Leadership Development Program at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. He was then assigned to the Coast Guard Academy where he served as a Company Officer and as an assistant coach for the men's Cross Country and Track teams.

In 2012, CDR Spector returned to sea, serving as Operations Officer aboard USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722) in Alameda, CA. He subsequently served as Operations Officer aboard USCGC JARVIS (WHEC 725), overseeing preparations for the cutter's transfer to the nation of Bangladesh. In 2013, he was assigned to the Officer Personnel Management Division, Personnel Service Center, in Washington D.C. as the Afloat Assignment Officer. In 2016, he transferred to USCGC MOHAWK (WMEC 913), homeported in Key West, FL where he served as the Executive Officer. He reported to his most recent assignment in 2018 at Coast Guard Atlantic Area where he served as the Deputy of the Cutter Forces Section.

CDR Spector's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, in addition to other personal and service awards. He is married to the former Kristen Pasiuk, a native of Old Saybrook, CT. They have one daughter, Claire.