

## **Commander Brian M. Chapman** **United States Coast Guard**



Commander Brian Chapman is a 2000 graduate of Virginia Tech. A licensed Master Mariner since 2002, he attended Officer Candidate School in 2004, and earned his master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in 2020.

CDR Chapman served as the Coast Guard Maritime Law Enforcement Advisor to the Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs from 2020-2022. CDR Chapman was the designated Competent National Authority responsible for the U.S. implementation of the 1988 Convention Against the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Convention. CDR Chapman was the Assistant Secretary's Senior Advisor for the Commandant-chaired Interdiction Committee and served as the Department's representative for interagency response coordination for national-level maritime threats.

CDR Chapman's afloat career began in 2004 with assignment to USCGC LEGARE (WMEC 912), homeported in Portsmouth, VA where, he served as Weapons Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, and 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant supporting UNITAS and Joint Interagency Task Force-South missions. In 2006, CDR Chapman transferred to Miami Beach, FL for assignment as Executive Officer aboard USCGC CHANDELEUR (WPB 1319). CDR Chapman served as the primary boarding officer and non-compliant vessel pursuit gunner leading numerous migrant interdictions and several high-profile search and rescue cases. CDR Chapman first served aboard USCGC DILIGENCE (WMEC 616) as Operations Officer in 2011 orchestrating multiple drug interdictions. He served aboard DILIGENCE again in 2016 as Executive Officer where he was responsible for the unit training, health and well-being, and good order and discipline while overseeing sustainment of the 53-year old cutter conducting interdiction operations.

Ashore, CDR Chapman served as a Command Duty Officer for Coast Guard District Seven in Miami, FL in 2008 and later as the Cutter Boat Platform Manager in the Headquarters Office of Boat Forces in 2013. At District 7, he directed the response to cases with national impact including the initial response to the Haiti earthquake. In Boat Forces, he was the Sponsor and Contracting Officer's Representative to multiple cutter boat acquisition projects worth over \$105 million. Prior to assignment at Department of State, CDR Chapman served in the Office of Law Enforcement Policy's Interdiction Division (CG-MLE-3) where he was responsible for the strategic development and execution of the Coast Guard's global maritime law enforcement policy.

As the son of an Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer, CDR Chapman and his brother lived all over the country and Germany. He married Tracy Chapman, originally from Indianapolis, IN in 2011. They have two sons together—Mason (9) and Austin (6). CDR Chapman's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (3), CG Commendation Medal (3), and CG Achievement Medal (2), and Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar.