

## **LCDR Brian S. Waller**

LCDR Waller is a class of 2008 Coast Guard Academy Graduate, with a Bachelor's of Science in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. Upon graduating the Academy, he received orders to USCGC CONFIDENCE (WMEC-619) in Port Canaveral, FL as a Student Engineer. During his two years onboard, his roles included Small Boat Engineer, Repair Locker Leader, Engineer of the Watch, Damage Control Assistant, and Assistant Engineer Officer. He also qualified as a Deck Watch Officer.

In 2010 LCDR Waller received orders as a Port Engineer in New Orleans, LA. Over the next 3 years he executed 6 dockside and 7 dry dock repair availabilities for 87' and 110' USCG Patrol Boats. During this time he was deployed for 8 ½ months to the Persian Gulf to oversee \$6 million of extensive service life extension dry docks availabilities for 3 of the 110' Island Class patrol boats deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Following his Port Engineer tour, LCDR Waller was selected for the Advanced Education Program, and spent the next two years at the University of New Orleans earning two Master's of Science graduate degrees in both Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Engineering Management.

After graduate school, LCDR Waller received orders as the Engineer Officer of USCGC DOUGLAS MUNRO (WHEC-724) homeported in Kodiak, AK. There he led a department of 50 engineers and was responsible for overseeing all maintenance and repairs for the 45 year old cutter. He was also responsible for all Damage Control efforts onboard the vessel, including responding to several fires, flooding casualties, and hazardous material spills.

Next LCDR Waller received orders to be the Systems Integration Officer at Project Resident Office Gulf Coast in Pascagoula, MS where he supervised the team overseeing the construction of the 420' WMSL class cutters. While there, he was also responsible for overseeing the Builder's and Acceptance Trials of USCGC KIMBALL and MIDGETT.

In 2020, LCDR Waller was offered a unique opportunity to depart PRO Gulf Coast a year early in order to become the second Engineer Officer aboard the newly commissioned USCGC MIDGETT, one of the WMSL's he helped oversee construction on. He spent the next 2 years getting the cutter ready for her first two operational patrols, both of which were performing Living Marine Resource protection in the Bering Sea. While there, he also qualified as a Deck Watch Officer and a Tactical Action Officer, another rare opportunity for Engineer Officers.

LCDR Waller reported to USCGC DILIGENCE in July 2022 as the Executive Officer. He and his wife Angela reside in Beula, FL.