

## **Captain Jeffrey K. Randall**



**Commanding Officer  
USCGC JAMES (WMSL-754)**

Prior to commanding USCGC JAMES, Captain Randall served as Chief, Atlantic Area Operational Forces from July 2015 through May 2018. In this capacity, he oversaw all major cutters, Deployable Specialized Forces, boat forces, and aviation forces supporting Coast Guard missions from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf, spanning five Coast Guard Districts and 40 states. Captain Randall's other ashore assignments include tours as the Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the Chief of Naval Operations, Operations, Plans and Strategy, (N3/N5) staff, Assistant Branch Chief for Enforcement in the Coast Guard's Fifth District, and the Executive Officer of the North Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center.

Captain Randall's past afloat tours include assignments as Commanding Officer of USCGC DILIGENCE, WALNUT and STATEN ISLAND. He started his afloat career as a Deck Watch Officer, Operations Officer, and Navigator onboard USCGC IRONWOOD and then served as the Weapons Officer onboard USCGC RUSH. With more than a decade of sea service, he has conducted law enforcement, search and rescue, alien migration interdiction operations, aids to navigation, ports, waterways and coastal security missions, including post-9/11 and Deepwater Horizon response operations.

His personal decorations include four Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, one Coast Guard Achievement Medal, two Commandant Letters of Commendation, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal along with numerous unit and service level awards.

Captain Randall is a native of Abilene, Texas. He received his commission from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1993 where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He also holds a Master of Marine Affairs degree from the University of Washington's School of Marine Affairs where he was awarded the school's McKernan

Prize for his thesis work. He also completed a Federal Executive Fellowship at the Brookings Institution.

He is married to the former Linda Pennington and has one daughter, Alyssa.