Commander Randy S. Waddington

Deputy Sector Commander, Sector Ohio Valley

Commander Randy S. Waddington serves as the Deputy Sector Commander for Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley in Louisville, KY. As Deputy Sector Commander, he oversees Coast Guard missions across 8,000 river miles and 10 inland states, which facilitates over 350 million tons of cargo annually. He also currently serves as a member of the Commandant’s Marine Board of Investigation for the Stretch DUKW 7 sinking and loss of life. Previously, Commander Waddington served as the Sector Ohio Valley Chief, Prevention Department, responsible for vessel and facility inspections, marine investigations and enforcement, and waterways management, including directing six inland Aides to Navigation cutters and buoy tenders.

Specializing in marine safety, Commander Waddington previous operational tours include Senior Investigating Officer at Sector Los-Angeles/Long Beach in California and Sector Juneau in Alaska, where he also served as Chief, Vessel Inspections Division. He was also was assigned to Seattle, WA working in the Vessel Inspections Division, as well as operational planning and maritime domain awareness in the post 9/11 environment.

Commander Waddington’s staff tours include serving as Chief, Investigations and Enforcement Division at Coast Guard Headquarters where he promulgated national maritime casualty reporting guidance. He also served as the Program Manager for the investigations program providing programmatic direction and policy.

Commander Waddington also served as an active duty and reserve enlisted member, working in a wide range of maritime port operations functions including facility inspections, environmental pollution response, and port state control examinations.

Commander Waddington holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Leadership from Regent University located in Virginia Beach, VA and a Master’s Degree in Organizational Leadership from National University located in San Diego, CA.

Commander Waddington is a native of Kennewick, Washington. His wife Mona is from Camas, Washington and they are proud parents of Brandi and Amiya and grandparents of two grandchildren, Wyatt and Taylor.