



**Commander Ryan P. Matson**  
**Commanding Officer Air Station Houston**



Commander Matson assumed the duties and responsibilities of the Commanding Officer at Air Station Houston in June of 2021. Prior to Air Station Houston, Commander Matson served as the Executive Officer at Air Station Miami. Commander Matson has also served at the Officer Assignments Branch Chief at the Personnel Service Center and the Aviation Assignment Officer in Washington, D.C overseeing aviation assignments for aviation officers from Ensign through Commander.

In his first aviation tour, Commander Matson served as a duty standing HH-65B/C pilot at Air Station Houston from 2004 to 2008. He later served as an Instructor Pilot and Fleet Standardization Officer at Aviation Training Center Mobile from 2008 until 2012. He then served as Assistant Air Operations Officer and Assistant Logistics Officer at Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi until 2016.

Commander Matson has served as an Instructor Pilot for over 8 years in the HH-65C, MH-65C and MH-65D. Prior to completing Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida, Commander Matson served as an Engineer aboard the heavy ice breaker, USCGC MACKINAW (WAGB-83), in Cheboygan, Michigan.

Commander Matson is a native of White Oak, Texas and a 2001 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering.

Commander Matson is married to the former Shannon Slate of Abilene, Texas, and they have two sons; Sean and Kellen.

His awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, Air Medal, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals and various other personal and unit awards typical of a public servant.