

# Captain Russell E. Holmes

## U.S. Coast Guard Eighth District

### Outer Continental Shelf Officer in Charge Marine Inspection

Captain Holmes is the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Officer in Charge Marine Inspection (OCMI) and serves as Chief, Eighth District OCS Division. In this role, he coordinates all inspection and investigation activities for Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU), fixed and floating OCS facilities in the Gulf of Mexico.

Captain Holmes previously served as Commanding Officer U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center (NAVCEN) and was the Deputy Chair of the Civil GPS Service Interface Committee (CGSIC) that exchanges information between GPS users worldwide and U.S. government authorities.

Prior to NAVCEN, he was the Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy at Headquarters where he coordinated across three Coast Guard directorates: Inspections & Compliance, Marine Transportation Systems, and Commercial Regulations & Standards.

Captain Holmes earned his commission and a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and served aboard the Coast Guard Cutter HARRIET LANE as an Engineer Officer of the Watch and Deck Watch Officer. He started his inspections career at Marine Safety Office Morgan City, LA inspecting commercial vessels and overseeing port operations, and upon completing his graduate degrees, worked at the Marine Safety Center conducting stability analysis and plan review for small passenger vessels. In the aftermath of the September 2001 terrorist attacks, his work included development and management of several national security programs including the creation of the National Vessel Movement Center which collects and processes crew and cargo information for all commercial vessels entering the U.S.

In between Alternate Captain of the Port assignments as Deputy Sector Commander Jacksonville, FL and Executive Officer Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh, PA, he served a two year tour at U.S. Northern Command, serving as the lead exercise planner for the Operations Directorate as well as a civil support planner in the Plans, Policy and Strategy Directorate.

Captain Holmes has a Master of Science in Engineering in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and a Master of Engineering in Manufacturing from the University of Michigan. His military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal and Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

