



LCDR Michael Novak



Prior to MSU Baton Rouge, LCDR Novak assumed the duties and responsibilities as the Prevention Assignment Officer at CG Personnel Service Center in Washington DC during the summer of 2019. Responsible for Commander and Lieutenant Commander operational and staff positions along with the Sector Deputy Commander account, LCDR Novak managed nearly 260 Officer assignments each year while working closely with the Office of Shore Forces (CG-741), Areas, Districts, and Units, LCDR Novak ensured the right Officers were assigned to the right billets, at the right time, and with the right opportunities, to keep our service and workforce *Ready, Responsive, and Relevant*.

His previous assignments include serving as Chief of the Investigations Division for Sector Anchorage, responsible for overseeing marine casualty investigations throughout Alaska, including the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and Arctic region. He also previously served as the Marine Inspector Course administrator for Training Center Yorktown where he was responsible for training all entry level marine inspectors throughout the United States Coast Guard as well as International Officers as part of the International Maritime Organization construct. Prior to this he served as the Supervisor of Marine Safety Detachment Fort Myers (Fort Myers, FL); Marine Inspector at Sector Hampton Roads (Norfolk, VA); Port Operations & Incident Management at Sector Lower Mississippi River (Memphis, TN); and as part of the deck department aboard the Coast Guard Cutter PENOBSCOT BAY (Bayonne, NJ).

LCDR Novak earned a B.S. in Math and Science from West Chester University of Pennsylvania before enlisting in the Coast Guard where he served with the rating of Marine Science Technician. In 2007 he attended Officer Candidate School and later earned an M.S. in Emergency Services Management from Columbia Southern University.

LCDR Novak's military awards include three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and the Meritorious Service Medal. In 2019, he was awarded the Congressman James Sener Award for excellence in marine investigations.

Originally from Philadelphia, PA, LCDR Novak is married to the former Jaclyn Schultz of Westville, New Jersey and has two children Michael (10) and Gwen (7).