



## Commander Karima A. Hantal

### United States Coast Guard

Commander Hantal currently serves as the Executive Officer of Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, which includes the nation's third busiest commercial port, the third largest petrochemical complex and busiest Strategic Port of Embarkation for Military Out-load operations in the United States. 131 personnel proudly serve at Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, including Active Duty, Civilians, Reservists and Coast Guard Auxiliary performing marine inspections, marine investigations, environmental response, law enforcement, contingency planning, readiness, waterways management, vessel traffic service management, administration, supply, and medical service functions.

Prior to assuming the role of Executive Officer, she served as the Chief of the Prevention Department at Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, Texas from June 2021 to May 2023, where she was responsible for domestic and foreign vessel inspections, waterfront facility inspections, and marine casualty investigations in the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur areas of responsibility.

Her previous assignments include Chief of Inspections Division at Sector Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, WI; Staff Engineer in the Office of Design and Engineering Standards and the Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, USCG Headquarters, Washington, DC; Marine Inspector and Port State Control Officer at Sector New Orleans, LA; Type Desk Manager at Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic and Program Depot Manager at Surface Forces Logistics Center in Norfolk, VA; and Engineering Officer in Training and Damage Control Assistant on the Coast Guard Cutter Dauntless, Galveston, TX.

A native of St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, CDR Hantal earned a Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.