



CAPT Amy E. Florentino, USCG **Commander, Sector Northern New England**



Captain Amy Florentino assumed command June 2021 and directs all Coast Guard missions across Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and portions of northeastern New York. Captain Florentino oversees 20 Coast Guard field units and cutters across the four-state region and exercises federal authority granted by law and regulation as Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Officer in Charge Marine Inspection, and Federal On-Scene Coordinator.

Originally from Norwich, CT, she graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Operations Research. Her first assignment, was as Summer Ensign aboard the Coast Guard Barque EAGLE.

Captain Florentino then served as Deck Watch Officer and Operations Officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter BUTTONWOOD in San Francisco, CA. Aboard BUTTONWOOD she and the crew serviced coastal and inland buoys along the California coast. She then served as Operations Officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter JUNIPER, in Newport, RI. During her tour in JUNIPER, she was involved in Operation Guarding Liberty in the immediate aftermath of the terrorist attacks on 9-11.

She was then assigned as an Officer Candidate School (OCS) Instructor at the Leadership Development Center in New London, CT. While at OCS she served as the Leadership and Management Section Chief and awarded the Margaret Chase Smith Instructor of the Year in 2005. Additionally, while at OCS she was selected for an Abshire-Inamori Leadership Fellowship at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC.

She returned to sea in 2006 as the Commanding Officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter KATHERINE WAKER in Bayonne, New Jersey. In this role, she and the crew serviced coastal buoys and conducted ice breaking operations throughout New York Harbor and the Hudson River valley.

In the spring of 2010, Captain Florentino earned a Master in Business degree from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. Following graduate school, she served as an audit remediation team lead for the Chief Financial Officer, at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, DC. In this role, she helped lead the Coast Guard to its first unqualified audit opinion and was selected for the Department of Homeland Security Award for Excellence in Financial Management.

In 2013, she returned to sea as the Commanding Officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter CYPRESS in Pensacola, Florida. Aboard CYPRESS she and the crew conducted aids to navigation, search and rescue, and law enforcement missions across the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.

She then returned to the Leadership Development Center in 2016 to serve as the Officer Candidate School Chief. In this capacity, she oversaw leadership training for Officer Candidates, Direct Commission Officers, Reserve Commission Officers and Chief Warrant Officers encompassing more than 50% of Coast Guard and 100% of NOAA's annual officer accessions.

Captain Florentino is married to Mr. Robert Barton of Maplewood, New Jersey. They have two children, Claire and James and reside in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.