

## Alternate Captain of the Port Boston – Deputy Commander Sector Boston

Commander Taylor Q. Lam assists the Captain of the Port with overseeing Coast Guard missions from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire state border, south to Manomet Point, Plymouth, MA, extending 200 nautical miles off shore. He is designated as the Alternate Captain of the Port, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Officer in Charge of Marine Inspections, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator. Commander Lam assists in the oversight of 1,500 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel, and employs three cutters, and 22 boats across five Multi-mission Stations and an Aids to Navigation Team.

A native of Riverside, CA, he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1996 through the Minority Officer Recruiting Effort (MORE) program (now College Student Pre-commissioning Initiative - CSPI) and graduated from Basic Training in Cape May, NJ. Upon completion of his undergraduate studies, he graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1998 at New London, CT.

His first assigned duty station was U.S. Coast Guard Cutter MUNRO (WHEC-724) in Alameda, CA from 1998 to 2000 where he served as a Deck Watch, Division, and Boarding Officer conducting Counter-Drug and Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations. From 2000 to 2002, he served at Tactical Law Enforcement Team North as a Law Enforcement Detachment Officer-in-Charge deploying aboard U.S. and Foreign Naval warships conducting Counter-Drug and Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, he served as a plank owner to Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) Seattle from 2002 to 2004 as Boat and Law Enforcement Detachment Officer-in-Charge conducting domestic maritime anti-terrorism operations. Following that tour, he transferred to the Atlantic Area Commander's staff where he managed scheduled operations, training, and budgetary oversight for six MSST units from 2004 to 2007. Afterwards, he served at Sector Miami from 2007 to 2010 as both Command Center and Enforcement Division Chief managing responses to Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, and Homeland Security missions in the region.

Upon his selection to the Coast Guard's fully funded Master of Public Administration program in 2010, he began classes in the Public Policy graduate program at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Between 2011 and 2013, he served as a Coast Guard Fellow on U.S. Senator Thad Cochran's personal staff, focusing on homeland security appropriations. Following that tour, he transferred to MSST Long Beach, CA where he served as Commanding Officer from 2013 to 2016. Between 2016 and 2018, he served as Special Assistant to the 30th Vice Commandant.

He is a 1998 graduate from the University of California, Riverside, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a 2005 graduate from Boston University's Master of Arts program in criminal justice. Upon completion of graduate studies at the College of William and Mary, he was awarded a Master's degree in public policy in January 2012. His personal awards include two Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Department of Transportation 9-11 Medal, Commandant's Letter of Commendation, and other Service awards.

He is married to the former Cindy Fan of Poquoson, VA for 16 years and they have two sons, Mason (14) and Aidan (11).

