



## **CDR Michael R. Vaughn**

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CDR Michael R. Vaughn currently serves as the Executive Officer of Coast Guard Reserve Unit, United States Northern Command, located onboard Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In that role, he is essential in setting the conditions for the successful response of Department of Defense and Federal mission partners in the conduct of Civil Support and Homeland Defense missions, supporting a wide variety of training and exercises across all involved commands, and developing and strengthening trusted domestic and international partnerships with inter-organizational stakeholders.

His most recent assignment was as the Senior Reserve Officer at Base Miami Beach, Florida, from 2015 through 2018. Prior to this assignment, CDR Vaughn served as a reserve Judge Advocate at United States Southern Command. He served as one of the legal advisors to Combatant Commander and staff responsible for all military activity in Central/South America, the Caribbean, and embassy military groups on diverse issues including maritime counter-drug operations, alien interdiction, homeland security and defense, and international law. CDR Vaughn also served as the Reserve Chief of Response at Sector Jacksonville from July 2008 to August 2013. He served as the Chief of Military Justice for the Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic, from May 2006 to June 2008, and as a staff attorney at Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific, from July 2002 to April 2006. He was also a full time Trial Attorney at the Department of Justice, Admiralty Division, in 2005, deployed to Africa on behalf of the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies in 2008, and a legal advisor during the Deepwater Horizon response in 2010.

Prior to his commissioning, CDR Vaughn served as a Boatswain Mate at Station Ocean City, Maryland, onboard the USCGC OCRACOCKE (WPB 1307) home ported at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, and at Station Ponce de Leon Inlet, Florida, and Station Port Canaveral, Florida. During these assignments, he qualified as a coxswain on the 44' Motor Lifeboat, the 41' Utility Boat, and several non-standard boats. Other notable qualifications included Law Enforcement Boarding Officer, Station Officer of the Day, Boarding Team Member, and Commercial Fishing Vessel Dockside Examiner.

In 1996, CDR Vaughn graduated with High Honors from the University of California, Santa Barbara, with a degree in film. In May 2002, CDR Vaughn graduated law school at Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida. While at Stetson, he founded and served as president of the Stetson Maritime Law Society and served on the Stetson Law Review. CDR Vaughn is a licensed attorney in the State of Florida and the District of Columbia.

Individual military awards include, among others, the Joint Service Commendation medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (4) and the enlisted good conduct medal.

CDR Vaughn resides in Orlando, Florida, and has three sons: Jackson, Henry, and Read. He is an avid surfer and Ironman triathlete.