



**CAPT Brad W. Kelly**  
Chief of Staff  
Ninth District  
United States Coast Guard



Captain Brad W. Kelly assumed the duties as the Chief of Staff for the Ninth Coast Guard District in July 2023. As the Chief of Staff, he directly supports the Ninth District Commander and a workforce of 6,000 Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilian, and auxiliary men and women. The Ninth District encompasses the Great Lakes, Saint Lawrence Seaway, eight U.S. states and a 1,500-mile international border with Canada.

Prior to reporting to the Ninth District, Captain Kelly was the Captain of the Port in Detroit, MI and the Sector Detroit Commander where he oversaw all Coast Guard missions in Southeast Michigan and Northwest Ohio to include Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Saint Clair, the Saginaw Bay and the Saint Clair and Detroit Rivers which connect them.



Captain Kelly previously served as the Coast Guard Liaison to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Maritime Law Enforcement Advisor to the U.S. Ambassador in Canada where he managed the International Cross Border Maritime Law Enforcement Operations program, a unique law enforcement partnership between the U.S and Canada. Additional operations ashore assignments include service as Deputy Commander and Chief of Response at Sector Boston as well as Incident Management Chief and Enforcement Chief at Sector Delaware Bay. He served at sea aboard USCGC FORWARD, USCGC BEAR, and Tactical Law Enforcement Team North, conducting law enforcement patrols in the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific. Past staff assignments include Personnel Service Center-Enlisted Personnel Management where he oversaw job assignments for the Boatswain's Mate and Maritime Enforcement Specialist ratings, and the Atlantic Area Command Center where he served as Command Duty Officer and Search and Rescue Controller.

Captain Kelly graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and earned a Master of Arts in American Literature from Louisiana Tech University in 1995.

Captain Kelly was commissioned in May 1999 after completing U.S. Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in New London, CT. He served at Coast Guard Station New Orleans and aboard USCGC TAMPA as a Boatswain's Mate Third Class prior to OCS. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal; and he is authorized to wear the Coast Guard Cutterman, Tactical Law Enforcement, Advanced Boat Forces Operations, and Response Operations Ashore professional insignias.

Captain Kelly has been married his wife Tracey for 27 years.