



Captain Seth Parker

Sector Commander

United States Coast Guard



CAPT Parker assumed the duty as Commander, Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan on 27 June 2022. He leads 23 Coast Guard units with a force of 500 Active Duty, 200 Reserve, and 1,000 Auxiliary personnel. He leads efforts on Lake Michigan in Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, Aids to Navigation, Marine Safety, and Homeland Security for the states of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. His authorities include Captain of the Port, Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator, and Federal On-Scene Coordinator.

Prior to joining Sector Lake Michigan as Sector Commander in 2022, CAPT Parker served as the Deputy Sector Commander for Sector San Diego. In this role he served as the alternate Captain of the Port and second in command, and was responsible for leading maritime operations to ensure the safety, security, law enforcement, and environmental protection from the U.S. – Mexico Maritime Border northward to Dana Point, Ca to 200 nautical miles offshore, and east to the Colorado River, and inland navigable lakes of Arizona and southern areas of Utah and Nevada.



CAPT Parker's previous assignments include: Battle Watch Captain for U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany; Chief of Incident Management Division, Sector New York; Chief Emergency Management and Force Readiness Division, Sector Jacksonville; Senior Watch Officer, National Command Center, Washington, D.C.; Response Duty, Sector Long Island Sound; Search and Rescue Controller, Sector San Juan; Assistant Operations Officer, Military Processing Station, Pittsburgh, PA; Flight Services Officer, Aircraft Repair and Supply Center, Elizabeth City, NC; Airman, Air Station Miami; and Seaman, USCGC FORWARD (WMEC-911).

Enjoying over 23 years of active duty service, CAPT Parker enlisted in the United States Coast Guard graduating from Enlisted Basic Training in September of 1999 and Officer Candidate School in May of 2001. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. In addition, he holds a FEMA Master Exercise Practitioner Certification.

CAPT Parker's personal awards and honors include the Meritorious Service Medal, Advanced Boat Force Operations Insignia, Joint Service Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal (6), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal (2), and several unit commendation and service medals.

A native of Pinehurst, North Carolina, he is married to the former Stephanie Laing of Edmond, Oklahoma, and they are proud parents of Sydney (18) and Stuart (16).