

**Lieutenant Commander S. Lincoln Puffer, CPA**  
United States Coast Guard

**Executive Officer**  
**Marine Safety Unit Chicago**



Lieutenant Commander Lincoln Puffer reported aboard as Executive Officer, Marine Safety Unit Chicago in June 2017.

His first assignment was to Marine Safety Unit Morgan City, Louisiana where he spent equal time in the Inspections and Investigations Divisions. He held several collateral duties including Boarding Team Member. As one of only a couple of Inspectors with the BTM qualification, he led most of the boardings and inspections of the tank ships supplying 13% of the United States' oil through the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port. In 2008 LCDR Puffer assumed the role as the Chief of the Port State Control Branch at Sector Saint Petersburg. In this role, he was responsible for the screening, inspecting and boarding of all of the foreign flagged vessels calling on ports on the west coast of Florida. In addition to his primary job,

he quickly qualified as Command Duty Officer gaining experience with search and rescue, law enforcement, and ports & waterways coastal security missions throughout the Sector Saint Petersburg Area of Responsibility.

In 2011 LCDR Puffer reported to the College of William & Mary to begin the Coast Guard's Financial Management Graduate School Program. He finished the rigorous two year Master's of Business Administration and Master's of Accounting program earning the Student Achievement Award from the Federation of Schools of Accountancy for superior academic achievement, leadership, & professionalism in post-baccalaureate accounting education, as well as induction into Beta Gamma Sigma, the International Honor Society for Collegiate Business Schools. He successfully passed all four parts of the Certified Public Accountant exam, becoming one of a handful of active duty CPAs in the Coast Guard.

Following graduate school, LCDR Puffer reported to the Fourteenth District in June 2013. As the Budget Officer, he was responsible for the planning, distribution, and execution of the \$22+ million annual appropriation. He was also selected to serve as the Military Aide to the District Commander from June of 2014 to July of 2015, a one year collateral duty filled by Officers on the District Staff.

LCDR Puffer is a native of Saint Petersburg, Florida. He graduated from the University of Florida in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration specializing in Finance; he obtained experience in the private sector working in the financial services industry for three years before attending Officer Candidate School in January of 2005.

LCDR Puffer's personal awards include two Coast Guard Commendation Medals and two Coast Guard Achievement Medals. He lives in Chicago, Illinois with his wife Lindsay, daughter Leah, and son Colin.