

CAPT MATT GIMPLE

Captain Matt Gimple assumed duties as Chief of Staff, Eleventh Coast Guard District in August 2015. He serves under the District Commander to oversee all multi-mission Coast Guard operations across more than 3.3 million square miles of coastal and offshore waters extending from the Northern California border south to Peru executed by 6,100 active duty, reserve, civilian and volunteer auxiliary personnel; 4 Sector Offices; 5 Air Stations and 16 cutters.



He most recently served as a Fellow to the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group in Newport, Rhode Island. Previously, Captain Gimple commanded USCGC HAMILTON and upon decommissioning Hamilton, completed his command tour in USCGC BOUTWELL (2010-2012). He lead Coast Guard missions in support of search and rescue, law enforcement, protection of natural resources, defense operations and maritime security during patrols throughout an area spanning the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, West Coast and Eastern Pacific down to South America.

Other assignments include: Chief of Strategic Analysis and then Deputy Director for Strategic Management and Doctrine at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (2012-2014); Command and Operations School Chief at the Leadership Development Center (2008-2010); Commanding Officer USCGC STEADFAST (2006-2008) at Astoria, Oregon. Notably, Steadfast recorded the first at-sea seizure of a self-propelled semi-submersible submarine (SPSS) while on patrol in the Eastern Pacific Ocean; Executive Officer in USCGC MELLON (2004-2006) at Seattle, Washington; Executive Assistant, Director of Operations Capability, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (2002-2004); Commanding Officer USCGC STURGEON BAY, a domestic icebreaker home ported at Bayonne, New Jersey (1998-2001); Executive Officer Pre-commissioning Detail, and Executive Officer in USCGC WILLOW (1996-1998); Navigation, Seamanship and Leadership Instructor, U.S. Coast Guard Academy (1993-1996); Commanding Officer USCGC POINT SAL at Grand Isle, Louisiana (1991-1993); and, Operations Officer/Navigator in USCGC HORNBEAM, an ocean-going buoy tender home ported at Cape May, New Jersey (1989-1991).

Captain Gimple graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1989 and earned graduate degrees in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1999) and National Security and Strategic Studies from the U. S. Naval War College (2002). He is an MIT Seminar XXI alumnus and holds a USCG 200-ton Master of Steam, Motor and Auxiliary Sail License.

Captain Gimple is a designated permanent cutterman, and his personal awards include six Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and numerous other operational and unit awards.

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