



Captain Jeff Rasnake  
Commanding Officer  
Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star  
United States Coast Guard



Captain Jeff Rasnake became the 28th Commanding Officer of CGC Polar Star in July 2024.

Captain Rasnake is a 2000 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Government degree. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Washington's Foster School of Business in Seattle, WA.

Following commissioning, Captain Rasnake served as Deck Watch Officer aboard CGC Sweetbrier in Cordova, AK until cross-decking to CGC Sycamore as plank owner Operations Officer. Subsequent afloat tours include Executive Officer of CGC Morro Bay, in New London, CT, Operations Officer of CGC Rush in Honolulu, HI, Commanding Officer of CGC Naushon in Ketchikan, AK, and Executive Officer of CGC Polar Star in Seattle, WA.



Captain Rasnake completed staff assignments at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in the Office of Waterways Management's Ice Operations division, the Deputy Commandant for Operations' Budget Execution division, as Deputy Division Chief for Financial Reporting and Analysis, Deputy Office Chief for the Office of Cutter Forces, and Deputy Director for Financial Management Procurement Services Modernization, as well as Enforcement Branch Chief for the Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

Captain Rasnake's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Antarctic Service Medal, and the DHS CFO Comptroller's Award for Superior Mission Achievement. Captain Rasnake was designated a permanent Cutterman in 2009 and a Certified Government Financial Manager in 2015.

Captain Rasnake is a native of Goshen County, WY. He and his wife Sarah reside in Edmonds, WA with three children, Quenton, Laurel and Reuben.