

# Captain Holly R. Harrison

## Chief of Staff

### U.S. Coast Guard District Thirteen



CAPT Harrison assumed the duties of Chief of Staff for the Thirteenth Coast Guard District in Seattle, WA, in July 2023, where she is directly responsible to the District Commander for all Coast Guard operations throughout the Pacific Northwest which encompasses the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana and includes more than 4,400 miles of coastline, 600 miles of inland waterways and a 125 nautical mile international border with Canada.

A native of Vienna, Virginia, CAPT Harrison graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1995. A career cutterman, she has served aboard six ships: Deck Watch Officer on USCGC STORIS (WMEC-38) in Kodiak, AK. Executive Officer of USCGC KISKA (WPB-1309) in Hilo, HI. Commanding Officer of USCGC AQUIDNECK (WPB-1336) in Fort Macon, NC, and later Manama, Bahrain, during which she led AQUIDNECK during the invasion of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Executive Officer of USCGC LEGARE (WMEC-912) in Portsmouth, VA. Commanding Officer of USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC 904) in Portsmouth, VA. Commanding Officer of USCGC KIMBALL (WMSL 756), the Coast Guard's seventh and at the time newest National Security Cutter, homeported in Honolulu, HI.

Her staff assignments include: Protocol Officer for the Commandant of the Coast Guard; Senior Instructor of the Maritime Boarding Officer School in Yorktown, VA, and then Executive Officer of the newly established Maritime Law Enforcement Academy in Charleston, SC; Program Reviewer in the Coast Guard Office of Budget and Programs; 2009-2010 White House Fellow during which she served as a senior advisor to the Administrator of NASA and acting Deputy Chief of Staff of NASA; National Security Affairs Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution; Program Examiner in the White House Office of Management and Budget's National Security Division responsible for the Department of Veterans Affairs; Drug and Migrant Interdiction Chief in the Coast Guard Office of Law Enforcement; Executive Assistant to the Director of the Coast Guard Investigative Service. Most recently, she served as the Chief of Response for the Coast Guard's 11<sup>th</sup> District in Alameda, CA, where she oversaw all U.S. Coast Guard operations in the states of California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah, over a thousand miles of coastline, offshore waters out over a thousand miles, and the offshore waters in the Eastern Pacific of Mexico and Central America down to South America.

CAPT Harrison's awards include the Bronze Star, Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (5 awards), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (5 awards), and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. She has masters degrees in public policy from Princeton University and education from The George Washington University, and certificates in national security and foreign policy from MIT and homeland defense and security from the Naval Postgraduate School.