



Commander Kristopher J. Nolan

Commanding Officer

Coast Guard Port Security Unit 309 (CG PSU 309)

United States Coast Guard Reserve



Commander Kristopher Nolan is the Commanding Officer (CO) of Port Security Unit 309, located in Port Clinton, OH. As the CO, he leads 140 personnel and is responsible for unit readiness and for worldwide or domestic deployments within 96 hours of notification.

Commander Nolan recently served as the Senior Reserve Officer at Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he was responsible for the readiness and training of the total Sector Reserve Force of over 160 members located in the SEC Lake Michigan AOR including, 6-Small-boat STAs, MSU Chicago, and SFO Grand Haven.

Commander Nolan's previous assignment included: Operations Officer (J36) in the Domestic Operations directorate of US NORAD & NORTHCOM, where he was responsible for Defense (DoD) Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) mission assignments within the United States. Prior to that CDR Nolan was the Operations Officer at PSU 307, Clearwater, Florida; Senior Reserve Officer at SFO Grand Haven, Michigan; and various Division Officer assignments at PSU 309, Port Clinton, Ohio.



During these assignments, Commander Nolan has participated in multiple CONUS and OCONUS exercises & deployments including: Vibrant Response 2022, Colorado Springs, CO; Combined Logistics Over the Shore (CJLOTS) 2015, Anmyeon, South Korea; Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) 2012, Kuwait Naval Base, Kuwait; and Operation Unified Response 2010, Haiti.

CDR Nolan's Incident Command System (ICS) experience includes Hurricanes Idalia/Lee (2023), Ian/Nicole (2022), and Irma/Maria (2017). His ICS roles during these Type I National Contingencies were as the Seventh District (D7) Liaison Officer and Agency Representative to the State of Florida EOC & FEMA JFO, as well as the Incident Commander during post-storm recovery operations, with additional assignments as Operations Section Chief and Operations Branch Director.

Commander Nolan graduated from Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination (ROCI) in 2006 and is the fourth generation of his family to serve in the United States military. He received his Master of Science in Geology from Bowling Green State University and a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Grand Valley State University. He received Joint Professional Military Education from the USAF Air Command & Staff College and in 2018 graduated from the Reserve Components National Security Course at National Defense University, Washington, DC. In 2017 he received Anti-terrorism Officer certification from the USAF Special Operations School, at Hurlburt Field, FL.

Commander Nolan's personal awards include the Port Security Unit Officer's Insignia, Advanced & Regular Boat Force Operations Insignia, Response Operations Ashore Insignia, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (2), the Army Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (5), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary & Service Medals, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with deployment device (5), and several individual campaign awards.

In his civilian career, Commander Nolan is an Associate Vice President and Senior Program Manager at AECOM, where he has been employed for 24 years.

Commander Nolan married Tina Ann Nolan (nee Dickinson) in 1998 and they have four children: Brendan (19), Ian (17), Morgan (14) and Ashlan (14), and two dogs, Loki & Bane. He and Tina also have their own small business The Fruit Ridge Bee Company, LLC, and produce hundreds of pounds of fresh raw honey for sale each year. He and his family have hosted eight (8) exchange students from Europe, including Austria, Germany, Italy & Spain.