



Captain Eric M. Casper

Chief of Staff, Force Readiness Command



Captain Eric M. Casper reported as the Chief of Staff, Force Readiness Command, in September 2023. Captain Casper is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Government and possesses a graduate degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology.

His first assignment after receiving his commission was to the USCGC GALLATIN (WHEC 721) home ported in Charleston, SC. There, he served as Deck Watch Officer, Communications Officer, and Maritime Law Enforcement Officer. Subsequent tours include six assignments within the Deployable Specialized Forces (DSF). His first DSF assignment was as a “Plankowner” of Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) New York. There, he led numerous nation-wide anti-terrorism and port security missions in support of national special security events and developed tactics, techniques, and procedures that shaped modern-day DSF operations. Follow-on operational DSF assignments include Executive Officer of MSST New York, Commanding Officer of MSST Kings Bay, and Executive Officer of Maritime Security Response Team East (MSRT-E). Under his command, MSST Kings Bay successfully completed Homeland Security missions in 23 domestic and foreign operating areas, attained new pursuit competencies in support of emerging Western Hemisphere Strategy missions, and developed numerous policies to promote safe and effective DSF operations. As the MSRT-E Executive Officer, he oversaw historic seizures of weapons and illicit material destined for destabilizing actors operating within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, led short notice maritime response support to the nation’s highest visibility events, and drove capability development to address evolving homeland security challenges.

His staff positions include assignment to the Leadership Development Center as an Officer Candidate School (OCS) Instructor where he served as the Academic Section Chief, responsible for the curricula for all OCS accession programs, and the Leadership and Management Section Chief, responsible for the training, development, and military indoctrination of more than 1,000 newly commissioned officers. While assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters, he served as the Chief of the Deputy Commandant for Operations (DCO) Executive Support Staff, responsible for supporting the DCO in the establishment and provision of operational strategy, policy, guidance, and resources to meet national priorities for Coast Guard missions, programs, and services globally. As the Chief, Atlantic Area DSF, he served as the principal advisor to the Commander, Atlantic Area for all DSF issues. He oversaw the operations, readiness, training, and programmatic oversight for 9 units and over 750 personnel. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Chief of the Coast Guard Office of Specialized Capabilities where he coordinated policy, budget, and programming for the DSF, ordnance systems and ammunition, non-lethal weapons, Counter-Unmanned Systems, Digital Forensics, and other capabilities.

Captain Casper’s awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (awarded four times), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (awarded three times), and Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

Captain Casper is a native of Lombard, Illinois. He and his wife Erin have three children, Ethan, Liam, and Bridget.