

Raymond Negrón Captain, U.S. Coast Guard



Captain Negrón serves as Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Portland, an area of responsibility that encompasses the waterways of the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. His previous assignment was Deputy Director of International Affairs at CG Headquarters, where he coordinated, developed, and implemented agency strategy, policy, and programs relating to engagement of international activities & partnerships to advance collaboration. His previous international tours include CG Atlantic Area as an International Port Security Liaison Officer & the Republic of Liberia, where he served as a Maritime Advisor.

Captain Negrón's CG career commenced with Basic Training in 1987. His first tour of duty was aboard the high endurance cutter RUSH (WHEC-723), where he assisted with the mobilization of oil spill response personnel & equipment resulting from the grounding of the Tank Vessel EXXON VALDEZ in Prince William Sound, Alaska, in 1989. It was here that he found his passion for pollution response.

As a former Marine Science Technician, Captain Negrón advanced to E-6 in less than three years & earned his commission through Officer Candidate School. Captain Negrón completed various Marine Safety tours at CG Marine Safety Office/Group Philadelphia, CG Sector Miami, CG Sector North Carolina, CG District Seven Prevention Division, Deputy Commander at CG Sector Detroit, & Commanding Officer at the CG Atlantic Strike Team. He holds a Master of Science degree in Environmental Protection & Safety Management from St. Joseph's University.

His deployments include supporting the surge operations associated with the massive response to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, Hurricane Florence in North Carolina, humanitarian efforts at the Southwest Border, & most recently, an unprecedented team-up with the DoS/DoD Foreign Emergency Support Team (FEST) to assist with the rescue & recovery efforts as a result of an ammonium nitrate explosion in the Port of Beirut, Lebanon.

Captain Negrón's personal awards include the CG Meritorious Service Medal (four) with Operational Distinguishing Device, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the CG Commendation Medal (four) with Operational Distinguishing Device, the CG Achievement Medal (four), the Commandants Letter of Commendation, two Volunteer Service Medals, & the Marine Safety Insignia.

A native New Yorker, Captain Negrón is married to the former Mariah Kampa from Chicago, IL. They have two grown children, Isabel & Richard.