



Captain Nicholas Simmons

Commander, Coast Guard Sector Guam



Captain Simmons reports to Sector Guam from the Office of Budget and Programs at Coast Guard Headquarters, having served two years as the Coast Guard's Procurement, Construction and Improvements Budget Coordinator. In this capacity, he coordinated capital investment in strategic Coast Guard priorities, assisting in formulation of the Fiscal Year 2020-2023 budgets, which included enactment of the largest budget in Coast Guard history.

A career cutterman, Captain Simmons accumulated more than ten years of sea time on five ships, including: Deck Watch Officer and Assistant Navigator on CGC DILIGENCE (WMEC 616) in Wilmington, North Carolina; Operations Officer on CGC FORWARD (WMEC 911) in Portsmouth, Virginia; Commanding Officer on CGC WASHINGTON (WBP 1331) in Apra Harbor, Guam; Executive Officer on CGC LEGARE (WMEC 912) in Portsmouth, Virginia; and Commanding Officer on CGC TAMPA (WMEC 902) in Portsmouth, Virginia. During those tours, Captain Simmons conducted missions from drug and migrant interdiction to search and rescue in areas including the Northern Atlantic Ocean, Eastern Pacific Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Philippine Sea.



Captain Simmons' staff tours focused on intelligence and special assignments, with service as a strategic intelligence analysts at the Coast Guard Intelligence Coordination Center in Suitland, Maryland, and as a Counterintelligence Agent at Coast Guard Atlantic Area. He also spent two years as the Deputy Military Aide to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

Captain Simmons holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College and a Bachelor's Degree in Government, with high honors, from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He further completed the U.S. Air Force Joint Professional Military Education Phase 1, and is a graduate of the Defense Counterintelligence Agent's Course.

Captain Simmons' awards include six Meritorious Service Medals with Operational Distinguishing Device, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals with Operational Distinguishing Device, and various other personal and unit awards.