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Coast Guard Academy graduate with 27 years of active service including sail training, leader development, management of training & development organizations, and fisheries enforcement. Unlimited Ocean Master with Auxiliary Sail credential earned during 13 years of sea service in Coast Guard cutter fleet. Sailed throughout Pacific, Atlantic & Caribbean including Bering Sea and 5 years sailing aboard Barque Eagle as both 3rd and 2nd in command of America's Tall Ship. Two Commanding Officer positions strengthened senior leader skills necessary to develop partnerships and add value across organizations. Personal values align with humanitarian service, developing future leaders and protection of our magnificent marine ecosystems.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Unlimited Master Mariner credential w/ sail training experience
- Instructional Systems Design
- Performance Analysis & Consulting
- Strategy & Policy
- Leader Development via formal courses & on-the-job
- Adept at building trusting partnerships
- Training & Development management
- Organization Development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Senior Staff, Force Readiness Command, U. S. Coast Guard, 2017–2018
- Commanding Officer, U. S. Coast Guard Leadership Development Center, 2014 – 2017
- Commanding Officer, 100 person ship's crew, int'l law enforcement, 2012 – 2014
- Second in command, 170 person ship's crew, int'l law enforcement, 2010-2012
- Leadership and management of training systems, various positions, 1998 – 2010
- Trainer and Responder, Emergency Management, 1995 – 1998
- Leader at sea, fisheries management and general law enforcement, 1991 – 1995
- Barque Eagle Operations Officer (1998 – 2001) & Executive Officer (2005 – 2007)

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

LEADERSHIP

Experienced leader in both staff and operations roles, strategic thinker and communicator who will help S.E.A. move forward in achieving its mission. Enabled high performance of 86 member Leadership Development Center staff: produced high quality courses for over 4,000 students per year, commissioned over half the Coast Guard's new officers, introduced new courses and overhauled learning objectives and design of the 4 week Chief Petty Officer's Academy and the

17 week Officer Candidate School. Given responsibility for readiness of a 240+ vessel fleet with over 8,000 personnel, maintained a rigorous training schedule and initiated a project team that benchmarked the on-the-job development system against how the Coast Guard prepares crews of aviation and small boat stations. The team recommended vital improvements.

INNOVATION

Strengthened the training program aboard Eagle by providing all crew members, for the first time, with an instructor development course and later with a leader development course that included coaching skills. Emphasized “learning by doing” while building a school ship program that maximized exposure to leadership, planning, operations, maintenance, engineering and damage control for all students. Responsible for the development of new courses to improve performance at mid-career transition from field level to organizational leadership roles. Created procedures and a training program for Boarding Officers to more effectively detect illicit radioactive materials. Applied blended design methods to strengthen transfer of learning from classroom to workplace; provided local leaders with on-the-job leader development tools.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Served as lead Coast Guard representative on Secretary of Defense commissioned joint armed forces work group charged with strengthening ethical leadership within the military profession. Admiral Peg Klein declared “the Coast Guard punched above it’s weight class” while pointing out the many contributions the smallest service made. Strengthened international partnerships while serving as host to Nigerian & Philippine Navy students aboard ship and while commanding Cutter Forward in a 13 nation naval exercise called UNITAS, hosted by Colombia.

EXPERIENCED MARINER

Served as ship’s captain of the 270’ Cutter Forward from 2012 – 2014. Selected to serve as temporary captain of the Cutter Tahoma when her crew needed an experienced leader. Sailed in leadership roles aboard 378’ cutters Morgenthau and Chase and 295’ sailing vessel Eagle. Planned and executed voyages throughout the Bering Sea, Eastern Pacific, and Caribbean with near coastal work in Aleutian Islands, Panama, Colombia and throughout the United States and territories. Sailed aboard Eagle to Europe, Caribbean and up the west coast from New England to Portland, Oregon and back. Served as temporary captain aboard schooner Highlander Sea and volunteered aboard Californian, Amistad and a tops’l ketch called Argus.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

- MS in Instructional and Performance Technology, Boise State University
- BS in Business Management, U. S. Coast Guard Academy
- Oceans Master with sail endorsement (unlimited tonnage)
- Coast Guard certification in Human Performance and Instructional Technology