

**Senate Commerce Committee Coast Guard Nominee Questionnaire,
116th Congress**

Instructions for nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation asks you to provide typed answers to each of the following questions. It is requested that the nominee type the question in full before each response. Do not leave any questions blank. Type "None" or "Not Applicable" if a question does not apply to the nominee. Return printed answers to Committee. Begin each section (i.e., "A", "B", etc.) on a new sheet of paper.

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used): Shannon Neil Gilreath
2. Position to which nominated: Rear Admiral, Lower Half
3. Date of Nomination:
4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):

Rental Residence: [REDACTED]
Office: New Orleans, LA 70130
5. Date and Place of Birth: February 15, 1969 U.S. Army Hospital Heidelberg, Germany.
6. Provide the name, position, and place of employment for your spouse (if married) and the names and ages of your children (including stepchildren and children by a previous marriage). Spouse Lynn Carol Gilreath (maiden name was Carnevale) not currently employed; [REDACTED]; and [REDACTED].
7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended. Bachelor of Science in Government from U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 1991. Juris Doctorate from Tulane University School of Law 2001.
8. List all post-undergraduate employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.

June 1991-July 1993 Deck Watch Officer on USCGC NORTHLAND homeported in Portsmouth Virginia. I supervised 6 people as the Weapons Officer and I was also a Maritime Law Enforcement Boarding Officer.

August 1993- July 1998 Marine Safety Office New Orleans. I qualified as a Coast Guard Marine inspector and served as the supervisor of the New Construction Office conducting plan review and managing new construction inspection projects. I also served two years as the assistant supervisor of an inspection detail supervising 10 people.

August 1998 - July 2001 I attended Tulane Law School as part of a Coast Guard funded advanced education program. During the summer of 1999 and 2000 I clerked at the Coast Guard Eighth District Legal Office.

August 2001 - May 2005 I served as a staff attorney at the Coast Guard Eighth District Legal Office.

June 2005 - July 2008 I served as the commanding officer of Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge. I supervised approximately 40 active duty and reserve members conducting vessel inspection, marine casualty investigations, facility inspections, waterways management, security, and pollution response in the Nation's 9th largest port. During the response to Hurricane Katrina I spent a week serving as a joint unified commander to a 650 person plus unified command conducting urban search and rescue within the New Orleans area.

July 2008 – July 2011 served as the Chief of the Prevention Law Group within the Office of Maritime and International Law supervising 10 attorneys and providing operational legal advice on prevention/marine safety issues as well as pollution response.

August 2011 – May 2012 I was a military fellow at the Center for New American Security.

June 2012- May 2013 served as the Deputy Sector Commander at Coast Guard Sector Honolulu.

June 2013-June 2016 served as the Sector Commander of Coast Guard Sector Honolulu in Honolulu, Hawaii where I was responsible for Coast Guard operational missions in Hawaii and American Samoa including search and rescue, marine inspection and investigation, pollution response, maritime law enforcement, fixed aids to navigation and maritime security. I supervised 300 plus active duty, reserve and civilian members in carrying out these missions.

July 2016 – June 2019 served as the Chief of Maritime and International Law supervising 20 plus attorney and another 20 associates in providing operational legal advice on Coast Guard response authorities, prevention law issues, environmental response and internal environmental compliance.

July 2019 – Presently serving as the Chief of Staff to the Coast Guard Eighth District responsible for providing Coast Guard operations within 26 states.

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

My official Coast Guard biography is attached.

10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above, within the last ten years.

None.

11. List all positions held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business, enterprise, educational, or other institution within the last ten years.

None.

12. Please list each membership you have had during the past ten years or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religious organization, private club, or other membership organization. (For this question, you do not have to list your religious affiliation or membership in a religious house of worship or institution.) Include dates of membership and any positions you have held with any organization. Please note whether any such club or organization restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or handicap.

Member of the State Bar of Louisiana 2001 – present;

Assistant Den Leader for Cub Scouts in Aina Haina, Hawaii 2012-13;

Coach/Assistant Coach for flag football and basketball for I9 sports in Hawaii Fall 2013 and Summer 2015;

Ex-officio member of Maritime Law Association 2016-2019;

Huntingtown High School Marching Band Boosters 2017-2018.

None of these organizations restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability.

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, non-elected, or appointed)? If so, indicate whether any campaign has any outstanding debt, the amount, and whether you are personally liable for that debt.

No.

14. List all memberships and offices held with and services rendered to, whether compensated or not, any political party or election committee within the past ten years. If you have held a paid position or served in a formal or official advisory position (whether compensated or not) in a political campaign within the past ten years, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, year of the campaign, and your title and responsibilities.

None.

15. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$500 or more for the past ten years.

None.

16. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

Personal Military Awards: 3 - Legion of Merits, 2- Meritorious Service Medals, 1- Coast Guard Commendation Medal, 1- Coast Guard Achievement Medal. Other personal awards include 2011 Judge Advocates Association Coast Guard Outstanding Career Judge Advocate Award and 2019 American Bar Association's Coast Guard Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate. The Coast Guard also funded the majority of my tuition for Law School as part of the Coast Guard's funded legal program.

17. Please list each book, article, column, Internet blog posting, or other publication you have authored, individually or with others. Include a link to each publication when possible. Also list any speeches that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Do not attach copies of these publications unless otherwise instructed.

- Speech to Daughters of American Revolution, New Orleans, Louisiana – “Rivers to Rigs” describing Coast Guard activity within District Eight, November 8, 2019.
- Submitted an article for publication to Maritime Law Association's Journal on USCG Cruise and Yacht Issues Outline for 2018 Fall MLA Meeting. I believe it will be published in MLA's 2019 Fall Notes.
- Presented Continuing Legal Education at Fall 2018 Maritime Law Association Meeting in Miami – Titled: Passenger Vessel Operations versus Recreational Use;
- Spring 2018 Maritime Law Association Meeting in New York– Speech to Cyber Security Committee - Cyber Security Authority and Response from Coast Guard Captain of the Port Perspective;
- Pacific Admiralty Forum Presentation on Cyber Security from a Captain of the Port Perspective – November 2017 in San Francisco;
- Speech to Judge Advocate Association Chapter of American Inns of Court Aug 2017 – “Charting a Course for Cyber Security within the Maritime Community”
- American Conference Institute speech January 2017 in Miami on Towing Vessel Inspection Implementation;
- Speech to Association of American Law Schools panel on Admiralty and Maritime Law January 2017 in San Francisco– My portion of panel focused on Coast Guard enforcement of illegal immigration from Cuba, Haiti and Dominican Republic;

- MLA Fall 2016 Meeting in New Orleans Presentation to Inland Waterways Committee on Towing Vessel Inspection Implementation;
 - February 2016 presented speech on Coast Guard Search and Rescue Operations in Hawaii to Hawaii Yacht Club
 - Fall 2014 Speech to US Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association Honolulu Chapter on Maritime Resiliency Planning in Hawaii
 - Jan 2012 CNAS Environmental Security Blog Post – “Time for a National Dialogue on the Arctic” <https://www.cnas.org/publications/blog/time-for-a-national-dialogue-on-the-arctic>
 - Oct 2011 CNAS Environmental Security Blog Post – “Events from Around Town: Science During Crisis: Lessons Learned From the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill” <https://www.cnas.org/publications/blog/events-from-around-town-science-during-crisis-lessons-learned-from-the-deepwater-horizon-oil-spill>
 - Fall 2010 Speech to American Bar Association Panel in Miami on Coast Guard Pollution Response Authorities
 - Spring 2006 Speech to LaFayette Rotary Club on Hurricane Katrina Response
18. List digital platforms (including social media and other digital content sites) on which you currently or have formerly operated an account, regardless of whether or not the account was held in your name or an alias. Include the name of an “alias” or “handle” you have used on each of the named platforms. Indicate whether the account is active, deleted, or dormant. Include a link to each account if possible.

Facebook – Shannon Gilreath - active
 Linked in – Shannon Gilreath – active
 AOL – Sgilreath – active for email purposes only
 Yahoo – Dormant since the early 2000s
 Google – sgilreath1991 - active

19. Please identify each instance in which you have testified orally or in writing before Congress in a governmental or non-governmental capacity and specify the date and subject matter of each testimony.

None.

20. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency to which you have been nominated, what in your background or employment experience do you believe affirmatively qualifies you for appointment to the position for which you have been nominated, and why do you wish to serve in that position?

I am humbled and thrilled by the opportunity to continue to serve others. I have 28 years of experience serving in the Coast Guard in a variety of leadership positions including command of a Sector and a Marine Safety Unit as well as my current position as Chief of Staff to the Eighth Coast Guard District. I love my job because I truly enjoy helping others and I especially love the men and women with whom I

have the privilege to work. I have had experience leading in crisis whether that be in responding to hurricanes, search and rescue, pollution response, maritime law enforcement, or major marine casualties. I also have a strong foundation in the Coast Guard's operational missions with a combination of field experience coupled with ten years of experience providing legal advice on our authorities including the last three as the Coast Guard's senior operational attorney. This experience has prepared me to continue to lead at the Flag level. It has also taught me to partner with Federal, State and local governments as well as the maritime industry to accomplish our missions. I strongly desire to continue serving my country, community and the Coast Guard by passing along the lessons I have learned as well as shaping the next generation of women and men who will replace me. Leadership also means that you have to put service to others ahead of self and I am willing to continue doing that in a position of even higher responsibility and influence. I have continued to seek hard, challenging jobs throughout my career and this is the next step on that path.

21. What do you believe are your responsibilities, if confirmed, to ensure that the department/agency has proper management and accounting controls, and what experience do you have in managing a large organization?

As leaders we are accountable for our actions and those of the people we lead. We are accountable to the people we serve and that includes accountability to the men and women who serve under us, to our peers, our bosses, the administration, Congress, and the public. That lesson has been repeatedly ingrained into my own leadership values and experience as a Commanding Officer and Sector Commander. I am accountable not just for my actions, but for the actions of my unit including: ensuring we comply with statutory and agency directives; act as a responsible steward of our resources; balance operational and personal risks; hold myself to the highest ethical standard and avoid any question of potential impropriety; be willing to listen to the opinions of others; be courageous and do the right thing even if it seems to be the most difficult path or unpopular; encourage respectful discussion; protect others; treat everyone I encounter with respect even if I or my agency disagree with their position; and treat everyone fairly. I must live by these values and continue to demonstrate them daily.

I have experience managing an organization of diverse agencies, authority and experience including serving as a unified commander for more than 650 people conducting urban search and rescue in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. That taught me the value of partnerships on a large scale as well as how to organize, support, plan and implement action during a national level crisis with limited communications. As Sector Commander in Honolulu, I managed more than 300 people, a budget of \$1.5 million, and \$17 million in property to conduct Coast Guard missions across the State of Hawaii and the territory of American Samoa. Many of these individuals and units were remotely located. I served as Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator, Captain of the Port, Officer in Charge Marine Inspections, Federal on Scene Coordinator and Area Maritime Security Coordinator for three years. As Office Chief of Maritime and International Law I supervised 40 attorneys

and provided legal advice and counsel to senior leaders making operational policy decisions about the Coast Guard as well as represented the Coast Guard internationally. In my current position as Chief of Staff at Coast Guard District Eight I supervise seven sector commands and two air stations responsible for all Coast Guard missions across 26 states. We have more than 4,000 active duty, reserve and civilian personnel spread across a large geographic area as well diverse units including marine safety units, small boat stations, buoy tenders, air stations, and cutters.

22. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency, and why?

The strength of the Coast Guard is our people. We simply do not have enough people to accomplish all of our missions without sharp people who demonstrate initiative, act responsibly, possess sound judgment, can think on their feet and work well with others outside our organization. We must recruit, train and retain the best workforce possible in order to be successful. While we have great people in our service today, we can never stop recruiting our workforce. We must continue to be their employer of choice. That can be accomplished in many ways including recognizing them for their accomplishments, adequate pay and housing, and a clear path towards advancement. With the economy flourishing and the new retirement program I believe that retention will become more challenging in the future than it is today. I also believe that we need to recruit and retain a diverse workforce so that we benefit from mixed gender crews, varied geographic backgrounds, and diverse racial makeup.

We must continue to recapitalize our operational infrastructure including cutters, aviation platforms and shore side infrastructure. While we are headed in a good direction in regards to cutters, we must build cutters that we can afford to operate calculating operating and maintenance costs as well as the people to effectively staff and maintain them. The age of our Polar Icebreakers, Medium Endurance Cutters, and Inland Buoy Tender fleet is particularly concerning. We must also come up with a plan to replace our aging H-65 platforms with the more capable and easier to find parts for H-60, or another similar asset. Our shore side infrastructure needs are also important as we have still not fully implemented the infrastructure build out of some Sectors which were created almost 15 years ago as well as other facility infrastructure at small boat stations, bases and other shore units. Unless we continue to invest here we will rapidly lose our ability to effectively conduct our missions and serve our country as Congress, and the Administration intends.

Finally we need to implement a more nimble marine regulation and inspection program that can keep pace with the technological advancements and growth in the maritime industry. The pace of technology advancement continues to increase and we are finding ourselves unable to keep up with some of these advancements. For example our regulations for vessels and facilities operating on the outer continental

shelf were written and published almost 40 years ago. The operations on the outer continental shelf are much more complex than these regulations appear to have envisioned especially with the advances in technology that make deep water drilling more accessible and other innovations like dynamic positioning. The regulations need to be updated, but our traditional prescriptive rulemaking and the notice comment process make it almost a certainty that they would be outdated before they could be published. Therefore we need to develop the skills to maintain our ability to keep up with technological improvements and likely move to a more performance based regulatory framework that allows us to take advantage of industry expertise. We must also develop an effective risk based approach that allows us to truly focus on the operators who continually take the most risk by failing to properly maintain their vessels and equipment. While I mentioned the outer continental shelf as an example there are other complex designs that will prove challenging such as LNG use as fuel, and vessel automation. Finally the growth in the economy is providing opportunity for investment in maritime transportation and facilities, but the shared waterways are becoming more crowded with more and larger vessels. This will continue to prove challenging as we try to safely manage the waterways for all.

B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. Describe all financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, and other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. Please include information related to retirement accounts.

Please see my nominee Public Financial Disclosure Report.

2. Do you have any commitments or agreements, formal or informal, to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association or other organization during your appointment? If so, please explain.

I intend to continue to maintain my membership within the Louisiana State Bar Association. Unless advised otherwise I also intend to apply for formal membership within the Maritime Law Association and the New Orleans Chapter of the Propeller Club.

3. Indicate any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which could involve potential conflicts of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

None. If a potential conflict arises, I will obtain advice from a Coast Guard ethics official and follow that advice.

4. Describe any business relationship, dealing, or financial transaction which you have had during the last ten years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that could in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

None. If a potential conflict arises, I will obtain advice from a Coast Guard ethics official and follow that advice.

5. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including any that may be disclosed by your responses to the above items.

I will obtain advice from a Coast Guard ethics official and follow that advice.

6. Describe any activity during the past ten years, including the names of clients represented, in which you have been engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation or affecting the administration and execution of law or public policy.

From 2008-2011, and again from 2016-2019, I provided legal advice to the Coast Guard as part of my official duties on pending, draft, and proposed legislation

impacting the Coast Guard. This included providing drafting assistance when requested by committee staffs as well as advice regarding administrative positions on legislation including potential legislation to be included in Coast Guard Authorization Acts. During those same periods of time I provided legal advice to the Coast Guard on operational law authorities to accomplish Coast Guard missions.

C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics, professional misconduct, or retaliation by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, the Office of Special Counsel, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group?

No.

2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, or municipal entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Have you or any business or nonprofit of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding, criminal proceeding, or civil litigation? If so, please explain.

No.

4. Have you ever been convicted (including pleas of guilty or *nolo contendere*) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

5. Have you ever been accused, formally or informally, of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis? If so, please explain.

While I was assigned as the Deputy Sector Commander at Sector Honolulu Hawaii in January 2013, a junior officer filed a formal complaint alleging discrimination based upon reprisal when he received a written Notification of Intent to Discharge him from the Coast Guard. I was named a responsible management official. The officer claimed that the decision to initiate his discharge was predicated on his prior complaint that he was subjected to a hostile work environment when a member of the unit's administrative staff inadvertently released medical information to unit members without a need to know relating to his diagnosis as alcohol dependent. In fact, the Notification of Intent to Discharge stemmed from UCMJ charges preferred against him from outside the unit, stemming from an alcohol incident involving the officer's arrest by civilian authorities. Following the filing of a formal complaint, the matter was investigated. In September 2013, a Final Agency Decision found no evidence to support a finding that the Complainant was subjected to harassment or reprisal.

Later in 2013, after I was assigned as the Commander at Sector Honolulu, a female enlisted member was brought to non-judicial punishment by her Commanding Officer

(CO) onboard a patrol boat that was a subordinate unit at Sector Honolulu. She was charged with failure to obey a lawful order when she failed to report for duty. She alleged the non-judicial punishment was discrimination based on sex. She also alleged she was discriminated against because of her sexual orientation when the officer conducting the non-judicial punishment asked questions during the proceeding about her participation in a gay pride parade. The CO said he asked about the parade to determine her activities the evening before she did not report for duty. I was the complainant's seventh level supervisor and a responding management official. As the Sector Commander, I had no involvement in the non-judicial punishment, which the member did not appeal. After a full investigation, a Final Agency decision in May 2014 found that the complainant failed to prove discrimination.

While I was the Commander at Sector Honolulu in March of 2016, an enlisted member filed a formal equal opportunity complaint alleging that he was subjected to non-sexual harassment by his supervisor on the basis of sex and mental disability (adjustment disorder) and that command counseling he perceived was negative was reprisal for filing a complaint. Part of the complaint was that the command did not acknowledge his alleged mistreatment by his first-line supervisor (who was female) or change the negative marks he received on his enlisted evaluations. I was sixth in the Complainant's supervisory chain and overall in charge of the unit. After a full investigation, a Final Agency Decision in April 2017 found that the Complainant failed to show discrimination.

6. If you ever served as a general court-martial convening authority involving an offense involving sexual misconduct or assault, have you ever disapproved the findings of a court-martial related to the offense(s) or reduced the sentence adjudged by a court-martial, other than in connection with a pre-trial agreement?

I have never served as a general court-martial convening authority.

7. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be disclosed in connection with your nomination.

None.

D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE

1. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees?

Yes.

2. Will you ensure that your department/agency does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistle blowers from reprisal for their testimony and disclosures?

Yes.

3. Will you cooperate in providing the Committee with requested witnesses, including technical experts and career employees, with firsthand knowledge of matters of interest to the Committee?

Yes.

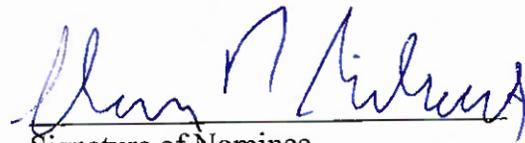
4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?

Yes.

(Nominee is to include this signed affidavit along with answers to the above questions.)

F. Affidavit

CAPT. SHANNON N. GILBERT being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.


Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 15th day of November, 2019.


Notary Public

Kyle D. Augillard, Esq.
Legal Assistance Attorney
Commander (dl) - USCG Eighth District
State of Louisiana Bar #31024





BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Captain Shannon Gilreath

CAPT Gilreath currently serves as the Chief of Staff of the Eighth Coast Guard District in New Orleans, LA. The Eighth District is responsible for U.S. Coast Guard operations spanning 26 states including the Gulf coastline from the panhandle of Florida to Mexico and the adjacent offshore waters of the Gulf of Mexico, as well as the inland waterways of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, and Tennessee River systems.



CAPT Gilreath's previous assignments include Chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Maritime and International Law at Coast Guard Headquarters where he was responsible for mission law advice to senior Coast Guard leaders and led the U.S. delegation to the International Maritime Organization; Sector Commander and Deputy of Sector Honolulu; Chief of Prevention Law within the Office of Maritime and International Law; Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge; Staff Attorney at the Eighth District Legal Office; Marine Inspector at Marine Safety Office New Orleans; and deck watch officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter NORTHLAND. In 2005, he served as a unified commander for a multi agency task force conducting urban search and rescue operations in the New Orleans area following Hurricane Katrina.

A 1991 graduate from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a B.S. in Government, he received his Juris Doctorate degree with honors from Tulane Law School in 2001 and is a member of the bar association in the state of Louisiana. He has also completed a one year fellowship as a Senior Military Fellow at the Center for a New American Security, a non partisan think tank based in Washington, DC.

Captain Gilreath's military awards include three Legions of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, a Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal. He was honored by the Judge Advocates Association with the Coast Guard Outstanding Career Judge Advocate Award in 2011 and by the American Bar Association as the Coast Guard's Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate in 2019.

REAR ADMIRAL Shannon N. Gilreath

Current Assignment

07/19 – Present Eighth Coast Guard District, Chief of Staff

Assignment History

07/16 – 06/19 CG-094, Office Chief Maritime and Int'l Law
05/13 – 07/16 Sector Honolulu, Sector Commander
06/12 – 05/13 Sector Honolulu, Deputy Sector Commander
08/11 – 05/12 Center for New American Security, Military Fellow
07/08 – 07/11 CG-094, Division Chief, Prevention Law Group
06/05 – 07/08 Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge, Commanding Officer
08/01 – 05/05 Eighth Coast Guard District, Duty Attorney
08/98 – 07/01 Tulane Law School, Duty Under Instruction
08/93 – 07/98 Marine Safety Office New Orleans, Marine Inspector
06/91 – 07/93 USCGC NORTHLAND, Weapons Officer

Educational Summary

08/98 – 05/01 Tulane Law School, Juris Doctorate with Admiralty Certificate
07/87 – 05/91 U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Bachelor of Science in Government

Military Personal Awards and Significant National Recognition or Achievement

2019 ABA Outstanding Military Service, Career Judge Advocate Award
2019 Legion of Merit
2016 Meritorious Service Medal
2011 Legion of Merit
2011 Judge Advocate Association, Outstanding Career Judge Advocate Award
2008 Meritorious Service Medal
2006 Legion of Merit
2005 Coast Guard Commendation Medal
1998 Coast Guard Achievement Medal

Significant Current Professional Credentials or Recent Activities

2001 Admitted to the Louisiana State Bar Association, remains current