

Coast Guard MSU Port Arthur Area of Responsibility:

Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur's Area of Responsibility extends north to the Oklahoma/Texas and Arkansas borders, South 200 nautical miles into the Gulf of Mexico, East to White Lake, LA, and West to High Island, TX.



Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur serves as the nation's 3rd busiest petrochemical port complex and maintains regulatory oversight on the following:

- 96 regulated facilities
- Seven major refineries responsible for the production of 13.3% of the Nation's gasoline production
- Two strategic petroleum reserves that account for 57% of the Nation's total oil reserves
- Refineries along ship channel produce 60% of Nation's commercial jet fuel
- Largest LNG export facility in the United States
- Four major ports: Port Arthur, Beaumont, Orange on the Sabine-Neches River, TX; and Lake Charles on the Calcasieu River, LA
- Home to the Nation's 5th, 13th and 17th busiest ports by cargo tonnage with over 59k vessel transits each year
- 250+ miles of inland waterways; deep draft ship channels and Gulf Intracoastal Waterway
- Two Strategic Military Outload Ports: The Port of Beaumont, TX (the Nation's busiest) and the Port of Port Arthur
- Largest Military Ready Reserve fleet

United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur



Change of Command & Retirement Ceremony

*June 26th, 2020
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Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur Commanding Officers



Captain H. H. Helgeson	1976 - 1979
Captain J. J. Wicks	1979 - 1984
Captain T. G. McKinna	1984 - 1988
Captain A. A. Whiting	1988 - 1991
Captain J. L. Robinson	1991 - 1994
Captain M. R. Miller, Jr.	1994 - 1995
Captain W. H. Fels	1995 - 1998
Captain G. W. Anderson	1998 - 2001
Captain E. A. Nicolaus	2001 - 2003
Captain S. K. Richey	2003 - 2006
Captain T. M. Sparks	2006 - 2008
Captain J. J. Plunkett	2008 - 2011
Captain G. Paitl	2011 - 2014
Captain R. S. Ogrydziak	2014 - 2017
Captain J. M. Twomey	2017 - 2020
Commander M. A. Wike	2020 -

Commander Molly A. Wike



Commander Molly Wike joins MSU Port Arthur as incoming Commanding Officer after serving as Deputy Sector Commander, Sector Ohio Valley, and oversaw Coast Guard Operations for an area of responsibility that includes all or part of 10 states ranging from the eastern portion of Missouri to the southwestern corner of Pennsylvania, and from northern Alabama to Ohio. She led over 400 regular, reserve, and civilian men and women, at the Sector office, three Marine Safety Units, two Marine Safety Detachments, as well as six river tenders. These Sector personnel provided maritime security, search and rescue, marine safety, and environmental protection for over

8,000 miles of navigable waterways on twelve major rivers that move \$30 billion in commodity annually.

Commander Wike's prior assignments include Prevention Department Head, Sector Ohio Valley; Contingency Planning Branch Chief, District Eight; Response Department Head, Marine Safety Unit Morgan City; Waterways Management Chief and Small Passenger Vessel Inspection Chief, Sector Mobile; Maritime Homeland Security Planning Team, Coast Guard Headquarters; Facility Inspector and Planning Officer, Marine Safety Office Jacksonville; and Port Operations Chief, Marine Safety Detachment Houma.

A native of Fort Walton Beach, FL, Commander Wike earned a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology from the University of West Florida, in Pensacola, FL, a Master of Science in Quality System Management, from the National Graduate School of Falmouth, MA.

Commander Wike is married to Max Wike, of Pensacola, FL, and they have two children.

Captain Jacqueline M. Twomey



Captain Jackie Twomey assumed Command of MSU Port Arthur on June 20, 2017. As Captain of the Port, Officer In-Charge of Marine Inspections, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, and Federal On-scene Coordinator, she directs all marine safety, security, and environmental response missions in the third largest bulk tonnage and petrochemical port and the busiest Military Outload operations port in the United States.

From June of 2015 until May of 2017 she served as the Detachment Chief of the Coast Guard National Towing Vessel Center of Expertise. The NCOE maintains trained experts in the towing vessel industry to serve as in-house consultants to the Coast Guard and participates in technical forums and decision-making collaborations,

providing technical advice to industry and the Coast Guard.

Before serving at the Towing Vessel NCOE, Captain Twomey was the Executive Officer of Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur from 2012-2015. 164 personnel served at MSU Port Arthur performing marine inspections, marine casualty investigations, oil spill response, law enforcement, contingency planning, waterways management, vessel traffic management, administration, supply and medical functions. Other assignments include a tour as Prevention Department Head at Sector New Orleans, where she managed 223 personnel, including two WLICs, four Aids to Navigation Teams and Vessel Traffic Service New Orleans. Responsibilities included the busiest Inspections and Investigations Divisions in the Coast Guard, plus a large Officer in Charge Marine Inspections zone inclusive of 980 miles of waterway, 1600 aids to navigation and inspections and investigations in Central and South America.

As an analyst for the Coast Guard's Strategic Transformation Team, she analyzed proposals for the reorganization of the Coast Guard, evaluated organizational design, functional assignments and billet request proposals for consistency with strategic direction. She also served as a staff engineer at both Coast Guard Headquarters and the Coast Guard Marine Safety Center.

A double ended marine inspector and fully qualified marine investigator, Captain Twomey was the Assistant Senior Investigating Officer and marine inspector at Activities Europe, with an Area of Responsibility including Europe, the Middle East and Africa. She received her training during a tour at Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads and, upon earning her qualifications, she was selected to be the Senior Resident Inspector for a shipyard detachment.

Captain Twomey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1989. She sailed as a licensed engineer for the U.S. merchant fleet and upgraded her license to Second Assistant Engineer of Steam and Motor Vessels of Unlimited Horsepower. In 2006, she graduated from the University of Michigan, earning a Master of Engineering degree in Concurrent Marine Design and a Master of Science degree in Industrial Operations Engineering.

Captain Twomey and her husband Mark have one child, Joseph.



Order of Ceremonies

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD MARINE SAFETY UNIT PORT ARTHUR

CHANGE OF COMMAND & RETIREMENT CEREMONY

** OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVES*

Rear Admiral John P. Nadeau
Captain Jason E. Smith
Captain Jaqueline M. Twomey
Commander Molly A. Wike

** NATIONAL ANTHEM*

** INVOCATION*

LT Benjamin Mayhugh, USN

PRESIDING OFFICIAL'S REMARKS

Captain Jason E. Smith
Commander, Sector Houston-Galveston

REMARKS

Captain Jaqueline M. Twomey

RELIEF OF COMMAND

REMARKS

Captain Molly A. Wike

RETIREMENT CEREMONY

PRESIDING OFFICIAL'S REMARKS

Rear Admiral John P. Nadeau
Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District

REMARKS

Captain Jaqueline M. Twomey

** BENEDICTION*

Fr. Sinclair Oubre, Apostleship of the Sea

** OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS*

**Civilian guests are invited to stand*

Rear Admiral John P. Nadeau



Rear Admiral John Nadeau serves as the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District and is responsible for Coast Guard operations spanning 26 states, including the Gulf of Mexico coastline from Florida to Mexico, the adjacent offshore waters and outer continental shelf, and the inland waterways of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois and Tennessee River systems.

His previous assignment was as the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, where he was responsible for oversight and program management for all Coast Guard commercial vessel inspections, marine casualty investigations, navigation services, commercial regulations and standards, recreational boating safety, port and facilities safety and security, waterways management, merchant mariner credentialing, vessel documentation, and

port state control.

His first flag officer assignment was as the Assistant Commandant for Capability. In this role, he was charged with identifying and providing service-wide capabilities, and developing standards for staffing, training, equipping, sustaining, maintaining, and employing forces to meet all U.S. Coast Guard mission requirements.

Specializing in Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection for the majority of his career, he served as the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Marine Safety Center in Washington, DC and Marine Safety Unit Wilmington, North Carolina. Other tours include Chief of Inspections at Marine Safety Office Corpus Christi, Texas; Senior Investigating Officer at Activities Baltimore, Maryland; and Chief of the Office of Design and Engineering Standards at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters.

A native of Saco, Maine, Rear Admiral Nadeau graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering and obtained advanced degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan. He earned a Master of Arts degree in Homeland Security and Defense from the Naval Postgraduate School, is licensed as a Professional Engineer in Virginia, and an alumnus of Harvard's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative. He and his wife, Karen, have three children – JT, Jacob, and Nicole.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Transportation 9/11 Medal.

Captain Jason E. Smith



Throughout his career, CAPT Smith has held numerous field and staff assignments specializing in marine safety, security, and environmental compliance. Prior to reporting to Sector Houston Galveston, CAPT Smith was the Deputy Sector Commander of Sector / Air Station Corpus Christi. His previous assignments include Detachment Chief for the Liquefied Gas Carrier National Center of Expertise where he supervised a team of liquefied gas subject matter experts who provided technical advice and support to both the liquefied gas industry and the Coast Guard, Chief of Prevention at Sector Boston where he oversaw a 75 personnel department to ensure waterways safety and regulatory compliance of vessels and maritime facilities,

Coast Guard Headquarters' Directorate for Commercial Regulations and Standards where he worked as the US's liaison to the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and field assignments at the Marine Inspection Office Europe, Rotterdam; Detached Duty Office North Bend, Oregon; Marine Safety Office Puget Sound, Washington; and Marine Safety Detachment Bangor, Maine. CAPT Smith received his active duty commission with the Coast Guard in 1996 after serving as an enlisted reservist for 3 years.

CAPT Smith's personal awards include four Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and other unit and team awards.

Originally from Pelham, New Hampshire, CAPT Smith is a 1996 graduate of Maine Maritime Academy with a B.S in Marine Transportation and a 2007 graduate of the University of Maryland's A. James Clark School of Engineering with a M.S. in Systems Engineering and Reliability/Risk Engineering. He has lived in Houston since 2014 with his wife, Dr. Jennifer Smith and son Jack Smith.