

## **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS DESMOND**

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### **CAREER PROFILE**

Thirty years of achievement and increasing responsibility in leadership and management positions in the U.S. Coast Guard. Extensive experience in marine safety—including commercial vessel regulatory compliance, waterways management, environmental protection and accident investigation. Skilled in developing teams for safety improvements and emergency response. Completing service in the rank of Captain.

### **EXPERIENCE**

- Chief, Marine Safety Division 8<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, New Orleans, Louisiana 1997-Present
- Program manager covering some 26 states, supervising 12 Captains of the Port.
  - Louisiana Governor's Maritime Task Force Member.
  - Co-Chair Coast Guard/American Waterways Operators Quality Steering Committee.
  - Promoted a unique abandoned barge removal program. Signatory to joint agreement with Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency and State of Louisiana to clean and dispose of barges posing severe environmental risk.
- Chief, Marine Safety Division 14<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, Honolulu, Hawaii 1995-1997
- Co-Chair Oceania Regional Response Team.
  - Led successful effort to pre-authorize in-situ burning of oil spills in the state of Hawaii. Fire boom has since been placed in Honolulu as direct result.
- Chief, Administration Division 14<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, Honolulu, Hawaii 1994-1995
- Coordinator for 1995 Combined Federal Campaign for all federal agencies in Hawaii.
  - Resolved housing, pay, discipline and other people issues.
  - Active participant in community Partnership in Education Program.
- Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office, Morgan City, Louisiana 1991-1994
- Captain of the Port/Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection of busiest U.S. port in offshore oil activity, fleet of responsibility and oil spill events.
  - Federal On-Scene Coordinator of largest crude oil spill in U.S. in 1992.
  - Chartered a combined industry/government partnership team to develop the first Streamlined Inspection Program for offshore supply vessels. This was the foundation for a national program.
  - Unit received the prestigious Coast Guard Foundation Team Award.

### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Science, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 1970.

### **LICENSE**

Master of Steam or Motor Vessels, Near Coastal Waters (100 GT).