

Captain Jerry Butwid reported as the Chief, Port and Facility Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in July 2025. In this role, he leads programs that promote the safety, security, and environmental stewardship of the nation's ports and facilities. He also heads the Coast Guard's Cyber Risk Management Task Force, which addresses cybersecurity risks within the marine transportation system, encompassing ports, waterways, onshore and offshore facilities, commercial vessels, and other critical maritime infrastructure. Captain Butwid serves as the U.S. government's Designated Federal Official for the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee and as the U.S. Head of Delegation on the International Maritime Organization's Facilitation Committee.



Throughout his career, he was assigned to several field and staff tours specializing in vessel inspections, marine casualty investigations, waterways management, and pollution response. Prior to his current assignment, Captain Butwid served as the Chief, Operating and Environmental Standards in Washington, D.C. His previous operational assignments include Prevention Department Head of Sector Corpus Christi, TX; Executive Officer of Marine Safety Unit Duluth, MN; Office of Marine Environmental Response at Coast Guard Headquarters; Marine Inspector at Marine Safety Detachment Sturgeon Bay, WI; and Marine Safety Unit Galveston, TX.

A native of The Colony, TX, Captain Butwid initially enlisted in the Coast Guard after graduating high school. After five years of service, he separated to pursue a full-time college education. While attending college, he served for three years in the Texas Army National Guard in Corpus Christi, Texas. Following graduation, he worked with NASA in Houston, Texas, training astronauts at the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory. He returned to the Coast Guard and received his commission in 2001 through the Officer Candidate School in New London, CT.

Captain Butwid holds a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and a Masters of Science in Environmental and Energy Management from the George Washington University in Washington, DC.