



Lieutenant Richard “Q” Quintana

USCG Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise



LT Richard Quintana reported to the Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise in August 2023 where he serves as the Port State Control Officer. He was previously assigned as Supervisor, Marine Safety Detachment (MSD) American Samoa where he was the direct representative of the Sector Honolulu Commander in executing responsibilities as Captain of the Port, Officer in Charge Marine Inspections, and Federal On-Scene Coordinator in the MSD American Samoa Area of Responsibility overseeing all MSD primary missions to include marine inspections, marine investigations, waterfront facility security, and pollution response.

Prior to serving at MSD American Samoa, LT Quintana was the Assistant Supervisor at MSD Port Canaveral, FL where he oversaw all operations and managed active duty and civilian

personnel from 2019 to 2022. LT Quintana also acted as the senior project officer for all Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as a marine fuel operations and one of few Subject Matter Experts in space recovery maritime operations. LT Quintana also conducted executive internships through the Coast Guard’s Merchant Marine Industry Training program where he gained knowledge and experience in the LNG and Cruise industry working with Disney Cruise Line, Q-LNG Transport, LLC, and Lloyd’s Register.

Prior to serving at MSD Port Canaveral, LT Quintana was a Marine Inspector and Investigator in Sector Mobile, AL from 2015 to 2019. LT Quintana also gained shipboard knowledge aboard USCGC SPAR in Kodiak, AK from 2013 to 2015. While on the 225’ Buoy Tender he qualified as Junior Officer of the Deck, Command Duty Officer, and Specialized Damage Controlman. From 2005 to 2013 LT Quintana was stationed in Air Station Cape Cod, MA, Base Miami Beach, FL and Special Missions Training Center in Camp Lejeune, NC where he performed an array of duties as a Health Services Technician.

LT Quintana attended Officer Candidate School where he earned his commission in 2015. LT Quintana earned a Master of Business Administration from Northcentral University in 2012 and is a member of Delta Mu Delta and Golden Key International Honor Societies. He also earned a Bachelor of Science in Management from Bellevue University in 2010.

Originally born in Havana, Cuba, LT Quintana moved to the U.S. at the age of 16. He currently resides in FL with his wife Amy and daughter Violet. He enjoys outdoors activities, fishing, and hiking with his family and two golden retrievers Lucy and Lilly.