



Captain David Ramassini assumed the duties of Chief, Office of Specialized Capabilities in July 2021. The Office of Specialized Capabilities is the Headquarters program office responsible for policy and management of Coast Guard Deployable Specialized Forces; as well as Coast Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN), subsurface and dive capabilities, and also provides service-wide program oversight for weapons, ordnance, and intermediate force capabilities.

Captain Ramassini's most recent assignment was to the Pentagon serving as Chief, North American Operations on the Joint Staff. In this role, he oversaw the employment of the Joint Force within the United States, Mexico, The Bahamas, as well as the U.S. approaches, to include air and maritime defense within the U.S. Northern Command and North American

Aerospace Defense Command areas of responsibility. His efforts were instrumental in the unprecedented levels of sustained Department of Defense (DoD) domestic support for: COVID-19 medical and vaccination support deployments; Defense Support of Civil Authorities responding to a record-breaking number of hurricanes, wildland fires, earthquakes and floods; Humanitarian and Disaster Assistance to The Bahamas; as well as DoD's Southern border security personnel and technology support to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Captain Ramassini earned his commission in May 1992 and was initially assigned as a Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC HARRIET LANE with a subsequent Department Head tour in USCGC MIDGETT where he served as the Commander, Task Unit 44.7.4 Operations Officer during Operations ABLE VIGIL, ABLE MANNER, UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, and SUPPORT DEMOCRACY in response to Cuba and Haiti mass migrations in 1994-5. Additionally, during these tours, he conducted fisheries enforcement of U.S. Exclusive Economic Zones spanning from New England to Alaska's Bering Sea, and from Hawaii to American Samoa in the South Pacific. He also led boarding operations in direct support of Operation PROMPT RETURN '95 combating illicit Chinese human smuggling in the Pacific.

Captain Ramassini has commanded five Coast Guard cutters including: USCGC KEY LARGO executing counterdrug and alien migrant interdiction operations in the Florida Straits and Caribbean; USCGCs BARANOF and WRANGELL supporting Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in the Northern Arabian Gulf in 2003-4; USCGC BEAR conducting joint interagency and multinational operations throughout the Caribbean; and as the first Commanding Officer of USCGC KIMBALL readying the plank owner crew and sailing National Security Cutter KIMBALL on the maiden voyage from the shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi to Honolulu,

Hawaii. In addition, he has served as Executive Officer in USCGC BERTHOLF and as professional crew aboard America's Tall Ship Barque EAGLE's during summer sail programs.

Captain Ramassini's prior ashore assignments include: Senior Instructor at the Maritime Law Enforcement School, Company Officer at the Coast Guard Academy, Maritime Force Protection Unit Program Manager, and Senior Analyst in the Office of Counterterrorism and Defense Operations at Coast Guard Headquarters. He has also served two previous tours in the Pentagon, providing maritime expertise to the Joint Staff (J5), Strategic Plans and Policy, and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy overseeing Maritime Homeland Defense and Security.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1992 with a Bachelor's degree in Management. In 2005, he earned a Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a second Master's degree in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from National Defense University's Joint Advanced Warfighting School in 2015. He has authored two articles published by U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings entitled, '*Too Small to Answer the Call*' and '*Build a Great White Fleet for the 21st Century*'.

Captain Ramassini's military awards include two Superior Defense Service Medals, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Commendation Medal, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals and numerous other operational and unit awards. He was also awarded the Department of Homeland Security 'Think Efficiency' Award in 2014.

Captain Ramassini is happily married to Commander Amanda Ramassini, USCG; and they enjoy the great company of four children; Jake, Rea, Giada, and Davis.