

CAPTAIN SCOTT J. KELLY
COMMANDING OFFICER
U.S. COAST GUARD MARINE SAFETY CENTER

Captain Scott Kelly serves as the Coast Guard's lead technical authority for commercial vessel regulation, and promotes marine safety and environmental protection through engineering review and approval of nearly 20,000 plans annually for the design, construction and alteration of U.S. and foreign vessels, equipment, and offshore oil and gas facilities. His previous assignment was Chief, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards at Coast Guard Headquarters. In this capacity, he led the development of operating and environmental protection standards for commercial shipping, Deepwater Ports, and offshore oil and gas activity.



Captain Kelly is a 1993 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. His first assignment was aboard the Cutter MORGENTHAU. In 1995, he began his career in the Marine Safety program. His operational tours include service as Marine Inspector, Port Operations Officer, and Federal On-scene Coordinator Representative at Marine Safety Office Philadelphia; and Supervisor of Marine Safety Field Office New Bedford, MA. From 2013 to 2015, he was assigned as Chief of the Prevention Department at Coast Guard Sector Baltimore, where he served as the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection for all Coast Guard commercial vessel inspections and investigations, and coordinated all waterways management activities in the National Capital Region, including the upper Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Captain Kelly also served in the office of the Deputy Commandant for Operations at Coast Guard Headquarters. In this position, he prepared senior Coast Guard leaders for Congressional hearings, influenced national maritime policy, and directly supported Coast Guard budget initiatives. Captain Kelly has been assigned to the Marine Safety Center twice during his career, serving as a Staff Engineer, Branch Chief, and Division Chief, leading the engineering design review of hundreds of commercial vessels and offshore drilling platforms.

Captain Kelly earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the Coast Guard Academy in 1993, and earned a Master of Science degree in Fire Protection Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 2003. He is a 2012 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI Fellow.

Captain Kelly is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three awards), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation ribbon (two awards).

He currently lives in Maryland with his wife, Elizabeth, and their children, Margaret, Mckayla, and Sean. Their son, Tyler, is a Senior Airman in the U.S. Air Force.