

# COMMANDER MICHAEL C. ROSS

## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



Commander Ross serves as the Air Station Executive Officer (XO), Logistics Department Head, and Commanding Officer of Military Personnel at Sector San Diego. In this capacity, he oversees aviation operations and logistical support for all Coast Guard operations from the U.S. – Mexico Maritime Border north to Dana Point, CA to 200 nautical miles offshore, and east to the Colorado River, and inland navigable lakes of Arizona and southern areas of Utah and Nevada.

Prior to Sector San Diego, he served as the Deputy Chief, J5 Planning Section at the Department of Homeland Security Joint Task Force East in Portsmouth, Virginia. In this role, he was responsible for coordinating and facilitating strategic planning efforts to ensure the effective securing of the Southeast border and maritime approaches of the United States.

Commander Ross was commissioned in 1999 and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. In 2008, Commander Ross transitioned to the U.S. Coast Guard under the Direct Commission Aviator (DCA) program. He holds a Master of Science in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle University and a Master of Operational Studies from the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College. His Joint Professional Military Education includes JPME-1 and JPME-2 as a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College.

His prior Army assignments include Troop Commander, Stetson Troop, 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment (S/4/3 ACR) deployed to Tal Afar, Iraq; Platoon Leader, S/4/3 ACR deployed to Al Asad, Iraq; Executive Officer, Delta Company 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Camp Stanley, Republic of Korea (ROK).

His operational Coast Guard assignments include Command Safety Officer and MH-60T Search and Rescue (SAR) Instructor Pilot, Air Station Kodiak, Alaska; Flight Safety Officer and MH-65D Standardization Instructor Pilot, Aviation Training Center Mobile, Alabama; MH-65D Instructor Pilot and Standardization Officer, Alaska Patrol (ALPAT) Air Station Kodiak, Alaska; and MH-65C Instructor Pilot at Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas.

Commander Ross has over 20 years of military flight experience and accumulated over 4,800 flight hours in the H60 A/L/T and H65 C/D helicopters in a vast range of operational environments spanning from the Middle East to the Arctic.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal (two awards), Army Achievement Medal (3 awards) and Coast Guard Achievement medal (two awards).

A native of Redlands, California, Commander Ross is married to the former Erica Nelson of Corpus Christi, Texas and has two sons, Hudson (13) and Conor (10).