

Commander Megan Clifford
Chief, Cargo and Facilities Division



Commander Clifford reported for duty as Chief, Cargo and Facilities Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington DC in July 2023. CG-FAC-2 leads the national program for maritime facility safety, security, and marine environmental protection, reducing risks to critical infrastructures and the marine transport system. FAC-2 develops inspection policies and procedures for operations associated with regulated maritime facilities throughout the nation. Additionally, FAC-2 coordinates U.S. efforts related to the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) MARPOL waste reception facilities, Alternative fueling initiatives, and represents the U.S. as part of the delegation to IMO's Facilitation Committee.

Prior to these duties, Commander Clifford served as the Executive Officer at Marine Safety Unit Texas City ensuring the Coast Guard's Homeland Security, Marine Safety, and Marine Environmental Protection mission execution in the Ports of Galveston, Texas City, Freeport, over 120-miles of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, the 40,000 square-mile region of the Outer Continental Shelf, and the entrance to the nation's largest petrochemical complex.

Commander Clifford was commissioned in 2006 upon completing Officer Candidate School. After commissioning, her assignments include Analyst, CG Office of Incident Management and Preparedness; Chief of Port Safety and Security, Coast Guard Sector San Francisco; Vessel Inspection Duty Team Lead, Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound.

Commander Clifford enlisted in the Coast Guard in 2002, after graduating with a BS in Biology from the University of Utah and the events of 9/11. Her enlisted assignments included the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter POLAR STAR, home ported in Seattle, WA where she served in Deck Operations; and Activities Baltimore as a Pollution Field Response Team member.

During her career, Commander Clifford served seven years in marine casualty investigation assignments, with the most recent assignment as the Detachment Chief of the Investigations National Center of Expertise. In this position, she was responsible for serving field units and partner flag states in the execution in all aspects of commercial vessel accident investigations including large-scale events requiring deployed assistance.