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CG-R55 Reserve Policy Team Lead



Lieutenant Commander Bethel is currently assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters in the Office of Reserve Policy and Integration as the Reserve Policy Team Lead, and as the Coast Guard Liaison to the Reserve Forces Policy Board staff.

Originally from Henrico, Virginia; Lieutenant Commander Bethel graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources Conservation. Completing Officer Candidate School in 2008 she commissioned as an Ensign and was assigned to Maritime Safety and Security Team (91104) in Galveston, Texas,

where she deployed for numerous anti-terrorism operations to include a deployment with the Maritime Security Detachment in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In 2011 she transferred to the Coast Guard's Eighth District in New Orleans, Louisiana and served as Weapons Officer and Incident Command System coordinator before transferring to the Reserve in 2013.

As a Lieutenant in the Coast Guard Reserve, she served with the Incident Management Assistant Team in Norfolk, Virginia before being called back on orders in 2015 to serve on the Coast Guard's Cyber Crisis Action Team in Washington, DC. She was continued on Extended Active Duty with the office of the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support where she served with the Logistics Support Element under the Director of Operational Logistics in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 2018 Lieutenant Bethel returned to Active Duty, accepting an appointment as a Reserve Component Manager and was assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC where she served in the Personnel Service Center, Office of Reserve Program Management as a Reserve Assignment Officer. In 2021, following her promotion, Lieutenant Commander Bethel transferred to the Coast Guard's Fourteenth District in Honolulu, Hawaii where she served as the Chief of Reserve Management overseeing the administration and mobilization of Coast Guard Reserve members on the islands of Hawaii and Guam. In 2024 she returned to Coast Guard Headquarters where she is assigned to her current position.

Lieutenant Commander Bethel has a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the U. S. Naval War College. Her awards and decorations include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (5), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (2), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Boat Forces Operations insignia and other personal and unit awards.