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(In order of scheduled appearance)

U.S. Senator John Kennedy (R-LA)

John Kennedy was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2016. He has built a distinguished career as a conservative champion for the people of Louisiana and a dedicated watchdog of taxpayer money.

Sen. Kennedy serves on the Appropriations, Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs, Budget, Judiciary and Small Business & Entrepreneurship committees in the U.S. Senate. He serves as the chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee Financial Services and General Government.

Prior to his election to the Senate, Kennedy was state treasurer of Louisiana for five terms. As treasurer, he oversaw the state's multi-billion-dollar investment portfolios. He also oversaw local and state bond issues and returned millions of dollars in unclaimed property each year. Sen. Kennedy served as secretary of the Department of Revenue, special counsel to Gov. Roemer and secretary of Gov. Roemer's Cabinet. He was also an attorney and partner in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans law firm of Chaffe McCall.

Sen. Kennedy graduated magna cum laude in political science, philosophy and economics from Vanderbilt, was president of his senior class, and elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was an executive editor of the "Virginia Law Review" and elected to the Order of the Coif. He earned a Bachelor of Civil Law degree with first class honours from Oxford University (Magdalen College) in England, where he studied under Sir Rupert Cross and Sir John H. C. Morris. Sen. Kennedy has written and published the following books and articles: "Louisiana State Constitutional Law," "The Dimension of Time in the Louisiana Products Liability Act," "The Role of the Consumer Expectation Test Under Louisiana's Products Liability Doctrine," "A Primer on the Louisiana Products Liability Act," "Assumption of the Risk, Comparative Fault and Strict Liability After Rozell" and "The Federal Power Commission, Job Bias and NAACP v. FPC."

Sen. Kennedy served as an adjunct professor at LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center from 2002 to 2016. He often volunteers as a substitute teacher for public schools. He resides in Madisonville, Louisiana, with his wife Becky and their son, Preston. They are founding members of the North Cross United Methodist Church.

Mike Toohey, The Waterways Council, Inc.

With more than 30 years of federal government expertise, Mike Toohey serves as WCI's President and CEO, effective August 14, 2011. Prior to joining WCI, he served as Consultant with The Livingston Group's Transportation, Shipbuilding, Shipping and Ports practice area. Prior to that, he served as Vice President of Government Affairs for Ashland Inc., a global chemical, energy and construction company. During his 19 years with Ashland, Mr. Toohey served as the principle representative to the federal government and also supervised state government relations for this Fortune 500 corporation. His responsibilities also included leadership positions as the Chair of the American Chemistry Council's Federal Legislative Roundtable and Chairman of the Board of the American Highway Users Alliance, and board positions with WCI, and the Danny Thompson Memorial Foundation.

President George H. W. Bush nominated Mr. Toohey as Assistant Secretary of Transportation, where he served from 1992 to 1993 following confirmation by the United States Senate. Mr. Toohey also served as Staff Director for the Republican Staff of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries during his 14-year tenure with the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Toohey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from the University of California, Berkeley.

Craig Montesano, American Waterways Operators

Craig Montesano is Vice President-Legislative Affairs for the American Waterways Operators, where he is responsible for planning and implementing AWO's advocacy strategy with the U.S. Congress. He joined AWO in June 2012 and is responsible for managing a variety of public policy issues that affect the tugboat, towboat and barge industry.

Mr. Montesano has over two decades of experience in government affairs that has included positions in legislative branch, the executive branch, and in the private sector. His first exposure to maritime issues was as a senior legislative assistant to former Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo (NJ-2) and, later, as a Schedule C appointee at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). He has also held positions with the National Mining Association, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company, and United Technologies Corporation.

Montesano lives in Arlington, VA with his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Olivia. He is an avid swimmer, guitarist, and writer.

Steve Golding, Golding Barge Line

Steve began his career in the marine industry as a teenager working at Big River Shipyard in Vicksburg. Big River is a small shipyard and drydock facility that his father, Thomas Golding, had started with the backing of several local investors. Upon graduation from Mississippi State in 1972 Steve began his full time career in the barge business by running a one boat and (3) barge operation known as Ole Man River Towing. He spent (20) years from 1972 to 1992 growing Ole Man River into a well established tank barge operation. He sold Ole Man River to Kirby Corporation in 1992.

Steve re-entered the barge business in 1995 by forming Golding Barge Line and has spent the past (24) years building Golding Barge into a well known tank barge operation specializing in the movement of refined petroleum, petro-chemicals, and chemical products. Today Golding Barge owns and operates (24) towboats and (65) tank barges and employs approximately (250) people.

Steve and his company have always been very active within our industry. He served several terms as a Board member of the American Waterways Operators and is a past Southern Region Chairman of AWO. He is currently serving on the Board of the Waterways Council.

H. Merritt Lane III, Canal Barge Company

H. Merritt Lane, III is the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Canal Barge Company, Inc. He has served as President since 1994 and as a director of that company since 1988. He is actively involved in industry affairs, having served as Chairman of the American Waterways Operators and the Waterways Council, Inc. (the two leading national industry trade associations), and serving as a board member of the National Waterways Foundation and the U.S. Coast Guard Foundation. He also serves on the board of Pontchartrain Materials Company, a privately-owned company based in New Orleans, Louisiana; and he formerly served on the Board of Directors of Hibernia Homestead Bancorp as well as on the board of International Shipholding Corporation, both publicly-traded companies.

Prior to joining Canal Barge Mr. Lane worked in the Corporate Finance Division at PaineWebber, Inc. in New York City from 1983 to 1986 as a Financial Analyst and as an Associate in the Real Estate Finance Group. He graduated from the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce in 1983, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in Finance. He currently serves on the board of the McIntire School of Commerce Foundation and is an active alumnus of the school.

Mr. Lane is also active in numerous civic, educational, and philanthropic organizations, having served as board Chair of Isidore Newman School, The Idea Village, and the Baptist Community Ministries Foundation. He currently serves on the boards for The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana, the National World War II Museum, and Bricolage Academy; and on the Executive Committee of the Bureau of Governmental Research and the Business Council of New Orleans & the River Region.

Mr. Lane and his wife Eleanor (Elly) are both natives of New Orleans and have three daughters, Caroline (24), Sarah (21), and Isabel (19).

Patrick Studdert, Buffalo Marine Service, Inc.

Pat Studdert has been CEO of Buffalo Marine Service, Inc., since 1980. He began his marine career very early in life boarding his first ship, at the age of 6, with his father, who was a ship agent. Buffalo Marine Service, Inc. has been a major contributor to the development of the coastal and inland marine industry for over 80 years having succeeded the J. S. Gissel & Co., in which Tom Studdert, Pat's father, was a partner. Over the years the company has been involved in dredging, ship owning, ship agency, river towing and bunkering.

Pat taught junior and senior high school and coached in the Houston Independent School District, learning the ropes at Buffalo during the summer, for several years, before joining his father, full-time, at Buffalo Marine in 1976. With Pat's leadership the

company has focused on what it does best, "bunkering." Buffalo has grown from two boats and four barges to twenty pushboats and thirty-six tank barges ranging in size from 1000 to 2600 hp pushboats and 8000 to 30,000 bbl barges.

In 1993, Buffalo built the most sophisticated, state-of-the-art, on board, computer-controlled, bunker blending barge, BUFFALO STAR, that the bunker industry had ever seen. Since the commissioning of the BUFFALO STAR, Buffalo has built 28 new barges varying in size from 10,000 bbl to 30,000 bbl, including eighteen 30,000 bbl barges with heaters and meters, for equipment replacement and fleet expansion. Several years ago, Buffalo teamed up with Nautical Control Solutions/FuelTrax and Emerson/Mirco Motion to install computer-controlled Coriolis metering systems on four bunker barges. This state of the art metering system permits accurate delivery of multiple bunker orders without the necessity of stop gauges and repeated small order loadings

Pat prides himself as the only football coach in the bunker business. His leadership skills and magnetic personality have been instrumental in leading an organization that has one of the lowest crew turnover rates in the industry. More impressively, Buffalo Marine has one of the lowest per transfer spill rates in the country. This is attributable to Pat's continual and consistent message to every member of Buffalo Marine that oil in the water is unacceptable regardless of the circumstances. Pat's extraordinarily effective communication skills are most evident when he spearheads the company's weekly crew change meetings. Regardless of his schedule, he insists on meeting with the incoming crews every Tuesday at 7:30 am. His passion to exceed customer expectations and always deliver excellent service ensure that Buffalo is the gold standard in the bunker business.

Jerry Clower, Harbor Towing and Fleeting, Inc.

Gerald E. "Jerry" Clower is the president of Harbor Towing & Fleeting, LLC. Harbor Towing and Fleeting LLC manages 4 towboats, Star Fleet (LMR MM 91, AHP, RDB) and employs 35 people. He is the son of the late Gerald D. Clower who founded the company in 1970. Prior to his joining the company full-time in 1983, Jerry was a sales engineer with Monarch Welding, however he was actively involved with boats and barges on the Inland River system since he was a young boy. Post-Katrina, Jerry, with his son Todd now by his side, persevered through several years of burdensome red tape, and together they transformed Star Fleet into a modern, first-class operation ready for the remainder of the 21st century.

He continues today to be heavily active in the daily operations of the business as well as in the maritime community. Jerry earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from LSU in 1967 and also served his country as a U.S. Coast Guard Reservist from 1967-1972. Jerry continues to support the U.S. Coast Guard as an active Auxiliarist. He is a past president of GNOBFA, past chairman of the Port Safety Council and is a member of the Propeller Club of New Orleans. He and his wife Pam are celebrating over 50 years of marriage. As active members of the Southern Yacht Club, they enjoy power boating, traveling, and spending time with their children and grandchildren.

COL Stephen Murphy, USACE New Orleans District

Col. Stephen Murphy serves as the 64th commander of the New Orleans District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Col. Murphy's Army career began in 1997 when he received his commission as an engineer officer from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Over the last 22 years, he has served at all echelons within the Army, to include assignments with Armored, Stryker, Airborne, and Special Operations units, as well as in the interagency in Washington D.C. No stranger to USACE, Col. Murphy commanded the Nashville District from 2015 to 2017 where he delivered a civil works program estimated at 290 million dollars annually with a focus on navigation, hydropower, and flood risk management.

Col. Murphy has deployed to combat four times in both Iraq and Afghanistan as well as to peacekeeping operations in the Balkans. Within the United States, he has participated in humanitarian assistance missions, to include fighting forest fires in Montana and providing hurricane relief in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Col. Murphy comes to New Orleans from Carlisle, Pennsylvania where he recently graduated from the U.S. Army War College. Col. Murphy holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology, and a Master of Arts in Strategy from the Army War College.

Col. Murphy has earned the Ranger tab, the Sapper tab, the Master Parachutist Badge, and he is a recipient of the Army Engineer Association's Bronze De Fleury Medal.

A native of Greenville, South Carolina, he is happily married to the former Nicole Lyda, also from South Carolina, and they have two children, Will, 15, and Claire, 12.

Joseph Hrametz, USACE Galveston District

Mr. Hrametz is currently the Chief of Operations Division for the Galveston District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. He has held this position from 2010 to present and is responsible for managing a \$120M Operations and Maintenance Program for Navigation and Flood Risk Management. The Navigation program consists of maintaining 250 miles of deep draft channels and 750 miles of shallow draft channels and operations and maintenance at gate and lock structures on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway at the Brazos and Colorado Rivers which are vital to the Nation's economy. The flood risk management program consists of operations and maintenance of Addicks & Barker Dams which prevents flooding along Buffalo Bayou and downtown City of Houston. The Wallisville Lake project prevents saltwater intrusion from the Bay into fresh water supplies in the Trinity River. The Coastal Water Authority, City of Houston and Chambers and Liberty Counties Navigation District depend on Trinity River water for their fresh water supplies.

Prior to becoming Chief of Operations Division, Mr. Hrametz held several positions within Galveston District including Chief of Navigation Branch/Deputy Chief of OPS, Operations Manager, Construction Manager and Project Engineer. He is a licensed Professional Engineer.

Mr. Hrametz also worked for Brown and Root as a Field Engineer for 1.5 years after graduating from Texas A&M University in College Station with a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering in 1976.

His hobbies include music, gardening, woodworking, ranching and fishing. He takes pride in building new relations and working with internal and external customers. He has built strong relationships with his counterparts in along the South Atlantic Coast, Gulf Coast and the Headquarters Operations Community of Practice.

Wynne Fuller, USACE Mobile District

Mr. Fuller assumed this position in May of 1996. His responsibilities center on oversight of a broad range of missions including navigation, hydropower, flood control, natural resources management, regulatory, hydrographic survey and mapping and emergency operations.

Mr. Fuller holds a Master's of Science Degree from the National Defense University in National Resource Strategy, and Bachelor of Science Degrees from the University of South Alabama in Civil Engineering and the University of Tennessee in Natural Science/Secondary Education. He joined Mobile District in 1979 as a Structural Engineer.

He was commissioned into the Army Corps of Engineers in 1970, serving on active duty until 1975. He is an Army Aviator, and a Graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the Army's Command and General Staff College.

Awards include the DOD's Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Superior Civilian Service Award, the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, as well as the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. He is recognized as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Emergency Manager of the Year for 1989, and as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civilian of the Year for 1991.

CAPT Kevin Oditt, USCG Sector Houston Galveston, TX

Captain Kevin Oditt graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1992 and holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Captain Oditt's previous operational assignments include Coast Guard Cutter's ALERT and VIGOROUS as the student engineer and Damage Control Assistant, Marine Inspector at Marine Safety Office Port Arthur, TX, Chief of Inspections at Marine Safety Office Tampa, FL, and Chief of Prevention at Sector Long Island Sound, New Haven, CT.

Captain Oditt's Coast Guard Headquarters assignments include the Office of Design and Engineering Standards where he developed national and international lifesaving and fire safety standards and was part of the U.S. delegation to the International Maritime Organization. He was involved in the stand-up of the Port Security Directorate where he was part of the Marine Transportation Security Act regulatory team and the development of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code. He served as the Executive Staff Chief for the Deputy Commandant for Operations responsible for supporting senior Coast Guard Flag and Senior Executive Service officers. As the Division Chief in the Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance he led a staff that created policy for the Coast Guard's domestic vessel safety and security program nationwide.

Captain Oditt's most recent assignment before assuming Command of Sector Houston Galveston was at the Eighth Coast Guard District as the Chief of Prevention where he oversaw Coast Guard Auxiliary, recreational boating safety, foreign and domestic commercial vessels compliance inspections, ports and facilities safety and security, as well as merchant mariner credentialing, vessel documentation, and marine casualty investigation.

Captain Oditt earned advanced degrees from the University of Michigan in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, and Manufacturing. He also attended the Marine Corps War College where he earned a Masters in Strategic Studies.

Nathaniel Hough, Kirby Inland Marine

Nathan Hough is currently an Operations Manager for Kirby Inland Marine. Nate started with Kirby in 2006 as a Pilot and worked his way up to Captain before coming shoreside as a Port Captain in 2011. In 2013, Nate was promoted to Operations Manager of the Kirby Offshore Hawaii Division and in 2015, he was promoted to Operations Manager of Kirby's West Coast fleet. In 2017, Nate moved back to Houston and assumed the role of Operations Manager for Kirby Inland Marine.

Nate serves in several industry committees including the Lonestar Harbor Safety Committee, Texas Waterways Operator Association, GICA Joint Hurricane Task Force, Houston Galveston Port Coordination Team, Clean Gulf and Clean Waterways Advisory Boards as well as several committees internal to Kirby.

Nate is currently enrolled in the Executive MBA program at the Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston. His undergraduate degree is a BS in Marine Transportation from Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He holds a Masters License and an Unlimited Tonnage Mate's License. Nate lives in Houston with his wife, Andrea.

Jerry Torok, American Commercial Barge Lines

Jerry Torok is a 1985 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Science/Oceanography. During his Coast Guard Career, Jerry served on Coast Guard Cutters SUNDEW, STURGEON BAY, SWEETGUM and as the Captain of the MOBILE BAY. Additionally, he served as the Aids to Navigation and Law Enforcement Officer in Puerto Rico, Chief of the Eighth Coast Guard District's Waterways Management and Port Security Branch and as the Commanding Officer of Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Houston. Jerry retired from the Coast Guard in 2007 as a Commander.

Jerry's career with ACBL began in 2007 working as the Director of Regulatory Affairs at the newly established Liquid Cargo Office in Houston. When the office closed down in 2009 Jerry was moved to ACBL's Houston Fleet as the Fleet and Facility Manager. In 2012 Jerry was asked to take over ACBL's Safety and Regulatory Compliance Department and continues to serve the company in that role today.

Jerry serves on numerous AWO committees, Industry Groups and a past President of the Texas Waterways Operators Association and is a licensed Master of Towing Vessels.

James Prazak, Tricon International

James Prazak serves as the Performance Director for Tricon Energy, Ltd in Houston, where he oversees all technical matters for the company, including quality, safety, transportation regulatory compliance, amongst a variety of other responsibilities. James joined Tricon (a Trading Company dealing in chemicals, petrochemicals, plastics and dry bulk cargoes) in 2010 after previously working for The Dow Chemical Company in various roles in its marine, terminal and rail groups.

He is active within the industry on a local, national and international level, including serving as the Chair of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), prior Executive Board member and Chair of the Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee, as well as Chair of the Chemical Distribution Institute's (CDI) Marine Technical Committee and member of the CDI-M Executive Board and CDI Marine Packed Cargo program. He also recently served as the Chair of the National Harbor Safety Committee Conference, which was held in Houston in June. He also serves on the Port Coordination Team for the Sector Houston-Galveston area, representing Chemical Terminals and Facilities.

John Arenstam, Seamen's Church Institute

Captain John Arenstam, USCG (retired) is currently the Assistant Director for Seamen's Church Institute's Center for Maritime Education in Paducah, KY. Prior to joining SCI, John served as the Safety Manager for AEP River Operations. John retired from

the U.S. Coast Guard with the rank of Captain after 27 years on active duty. He served in Coast Guard ships all around the country, sailing along every coast and all 5 Great Lakes. His assignments included Captain of the icebreaker PENOBSCOT BAY on the Hudson River, and the seagoing buoy tender FIREBUSH out of Kodiak, Alaska.

John has spent most of his Coast Guard career in waterways management, and aids to navigation at offices in Virginia, New Orleans, and Washington DC and aboard "black hulls" around the nation. John represented the USCG at the International Association of Aids to Navigation and Marine Authorities (IALA). During his time in Washington he worked for the USCG Director of International Affairs, and gathered considerable worldwide exposure, while conducting analysis and training overseas. John also served as the Deputy Sector Commander in New Orleans and as the Director Western Rivers for the Eighth Coast Guard District.

John Stauffer, San Jacinto College Maritime

John Stauffer is the Associate Vice Chancellor for San Jacinto College Maritime Campus where he oversees both the credit and noncredit maritime programs. John's responsibilities include educational leadership and administrative management of all training and educational programs at the maritime campus. He is charged with ensuring students are prepared to meet the U.S. Coast Guard's changing requirements for credentials to work in the maritime industry, along with introducing youth to maritime career opportunities.

Prior to joining San Jacinto College, Mr. Stauffer served for 22 years as an Army Mariner concluding his career as the Chief of the Maritime Operations Branch in Virginia where he provided operational guidance for the training of Army maritime professionals. In total John brings over 25 years of maritime industry experience to the San Jacinto College Maritime Campus.

Rick Schwab, Delgado Community College

Rick Schwab has been the Senior Director of the Delgado Community College Maritime and Industrial Training Center for 24 years, with more than 30 years of Business Management experience overall. In November of 2018, he was selected to be the Interim Executive Director of Delgado's new Advanced Manufacturing and Technical Center at the River City site. He is a member of Delgado's Leadership Team and has had extensive experience working with State of Louisiana Incumbent Worker Training Programs. He is a U.S. Coast Guard-approved and American Red Cross instructor, as well as an active member of the National Association of Safety Professionals.

Mr. Schwab is a Certified Safety Manager and Emergency Response official for the Maritime and Industrial Training Center, and has portrayed his expertise in Corporate Team Building. He is a member of various associations, including the New Orleans Regional Chamber of Commerce, Offshore Mariners Safety Association (OMSA), Delgado Advisory Board, Delgado Safety Committee, Louisiana Maritime Consortium, and is a Louisiana Certified Workforce Developer for the State of Louisiana

Randy Savoie, North Shore Technical Community College

Randy Savoie began operating vessels on Inland, Western Rivers, and Near Coastal waterways in Louisiana in 1980 and received his first USCG license in 1983. After working as Captain offshore, he founded Lone Star Maritime (LSM), a USCG license preparatory school, with offices in Nederland and Friendswood, Texas. He obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston—Clear Lake in 1994. He also acquired social studies teaching composite certifications from Texas and Louisiana. After teaching six and a half years in the secondary school system, he began teaching USCG licensing courses again for South Central Louisiana Technical College, Young Memorial, and Fletcher Community College.

Randy earned his Master's Degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Northwestern State University. He is currently the Lead Maritime Instructor for Northshore Technical Community College—Lacombe, Louisiana Campus. He has been teaching maritime courses for thirty years.

Mike Marshall, Turns Services

Mike Marshall is Senior Vice President of Operations at Turn Services, LLC, a local marine towing, fleet and repair company. Mike has been in the marine industry for 43 years with the last 27 being in operations management. Prior to his present role, he has served as deckhand, fleet boat captain, line-line boat captain and Port Captain. Mike has served on various advisory committees including LOMRC-Chairman, Propeller Club- Board Member, MNSA- Board Member, LOMRSAC and Delgado Maritime Training Center Advisory Committee.

Mike obtained his first United States Coast Guard license in 1979 and is currently on his 8th issue. His responsibilities at Turn Services are oversight of vessel operations, including fleeting and trip boats as well as marine personnel training and facilities operations and permitting.

RADM John Nadeau, Commander Eighth Coast Guard District

Rear Admiral John Nadeau serves as the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District and is responsible for Coast Guard operations spanning 26 states, including the Gulf of Mexico coastline from Florida to Mexico, the adjacent offshore waters and outer continental shelf, and the inland waterways of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois and Tennessee River systems.

His previous assignment was as the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, where he was responsible for oversight and program management for all Coast Guard commercial vessel inspections, marine casualty investigations, navigation services, commercial regulations and standards, recreational boating safety, port and facilities safety and security, waterways management, merchant mariner credentialing, vessel documentation, and port state control.

His first flag officer assignment was as the Assistant Commandant for Capability. In this role, he was charged with identifying and providing service-wide capabilities, and developing standards for staffing, training, equipping, sustaining, maintaining, and employing forces to meet all U.S. Coast Guard mission requirements.

Specializing in Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection for the majority of his career, he served as the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Marine Safety Center in Washington, DC and Marine Safety Unit Wilmington, North Carolina. Other tours include Chief of Inspections at Marine Safety Office Corpus Christi, Texas; Senior Investigating Officer at Activities Baltimore, Maryland; and Chief of the Office of Design and Engineering Standards at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters.

A native of Saco, Maine, Rear Admiral Nadeau graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering and obtained advanced degrees in Mechanical

Engineering and Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan. He earned a Master of Arts degree in Homeland Security and Defense from the Naval Postgraduate School, is licensed as a Professional Engineer in Virginia, and an alumnus of Harvard's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative. He and his wife, Karen, have three children – JT, Jacob, and Nicole. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Transportation 9/11 Medal.

CDR Andrew Bender, USCG Towing Vessel National Center of Excellence

Commander Andrew Bender assumed the duties of Supervisor, Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise, in July 2017, where he oversees the execution of the Coast Guard's vessel compliance mission for over 5800 Towing Vessels critical to crew and vessel safety, environmental protection, and the U.S. economy. He advises Coast Guard and maritime industry on Towing Vessel policy and regulations, and approves and oversees Third Party Organizations responsible for the certification of towing vessel safety management systems nationwide.

He previously served as the Prevention Department Head at Sector Key West, FL, where he oversaw maritime safety and security spanning hundreds of miles of navigable waterways throughout the Keys, including a fleet of over 1,000 commercial vessels. Other assignments include Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C., as a Manpower Analyst for major system acquisition including the National Security Cutter program; Senior Investigating Officer and Assistant Chief of Inspections, Sector Charleston; Apprentice Marine Inspector at Sector New Orleans, and Operations Officer aboard the USCGC SWEETGUM in Mobile, AL.

A native of Mobile, Commander Bender graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Research, and from the University of Florida with a Master of Science degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering.

LCDR Melvin Torres, USCG Sector Corpus Christi, TX

LCDR Melvin Torres is currently assigned as the Chief of Inspections Division at Sector / Air Station Corpus Christi, TX. He supervises a team of 24 people responsible for safety and security inspections of domestic and foreign vessels (barges, small passenger vessels, towing vessels, commercial fishing vessels, freight, tank, chemical & gas carrier vessels) operating in the nation's fourth largest port.

LCDR Torres previously served as the Fourteenth Coast Guard District Safety and Environmental Health Officer in Honolulu, HI, and at Marine Safety Unit Texas City, where he started his career in the Prevention field and swiftly fleeted up to become Port Control Branch Chief. Additionally, LCDR Torres served at Sector San Juan, PR as a Marine Investigating Officer where he was responsible for marine casualty investigations, marine violation investigations, and merchant mariner personal actions in a 1.3 M square miles AOR (PR and USVI).

Prior to commissioning, in 2006 through the Coast Guard's Officer Candidate School, LCDR Torres served as an enlisted Hospital Corpsman in New Orleans, Naval Medical Center San Diego, USCG TRACEN Cape May, NJ, and USCG Headquarters, Washington, DC. He has earned a MS degree in Quality Systems Management (specialization in Homeland Security) from the National Graduate School in Falmouth, MA and a MS in Environmental Health from the University of Washington. He is married to Alexa Paola Castillo Alvarez and has two daughters, Camilla and Chiara.

LT Tammy Bolin, USCG MSU Port Arthur, TX

Lieutenant Tammy Bolin reported to MSU Port Arthur as the Towing Vessel Division Officer in July of 2018. In her current position, she is responsible for the oversight and implementation of all towing vessel inspections, including subchapter M compliance, within the MSU Port Arthur AOR.

From July 2016 – July 2018, LT Bolin was as a staff attorney at Coast Guard District Eleven (D11) Legal, where she served as legal advisor to Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach and its sub-units, as well as CGC GEORGE COBB. Prior to D11 Legal, LT Bolin was assigned as a staff attorney at the Legal Service Command in Alameda, CA. The Legal Service Command was LT Bolin's first Coast Guard tour, after receiving her commission in 2014.

Before joining the Coast Guard, LT Bolin worked as an attorney in the private sector for nine years. The majority of her civilian career was dedicated to the litigation of admiralty and maritime claims, with a focus on cargo and marine insurance cases

CDR Jason Franz, USCG Sector Mobile, AL

As the Chief of Prevention, CDR Jason Franz supervises over 180 maritime professionals who conduct the core Prevention missions of inspections, investigations, and aids to navigation spanning from Panama City FL, westward to the Pearl River including the inland river systems from Gulf of Mexico to the Tennessee state line.

LCDR Joseph Hart, USCG Sector New Orleans, LA

LCDR Hart is the current CG Sector New Orleans, Chief, Inspections Division . He is a graduate of the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point and has served as a United States Coast Guard Prevention Officer for the past 15 years. Previous Assignments include CG Sector New York (Waterways Management), CG Sector North Carolina (Contingency Planning (OPA 90 – AMSC) / Incident Management Division), CG Sector New Orleans (PSC/DOM Insp / FAC Branch Chief), Merchant Marine Industry Training (1 yr) & CG Headquarters (Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance (1 and 2)).

Tracy Cheramie, Florida Marine Transport

As a 4th generation tugboat captain, Captain Tracy Cheramie has the river running through his veins. His experience on the water spans over 34 years and his commitment to the industry is unsurpassed.

Along with his Masters of Towing license for Inland and Western Rivers, Captain Tracy has had training in many areas, such as, Advance Pilothouse Management, Vessel Security, Regulatory Compliance, Supervisor Drug Awareness, Subchapter M and Leadership Management Supervisory Skills. He also holds ISO 9001/ISO 14001 ABS Lead Auditor Certificates. His postings include the GIWW, LMR, UMR, Illinois River, Ohio River, Tombigbee River, Tenn-Tom River, Tennessee River, Port Allen route, Atchafalaya River, and all stretches of the ICW.

He sits on the Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee representing barge and towboat operators in the Houston, Galveston, Texas City and Freeport area, and is a part of the Navigation Operations NAVOPS Subcommittee and Waterways Utilization Subcommittee. He is also a first responder on the GICA Hurricane Response Team.

As a Port Captain for Florida Marine, LLC, he applies his knowledge of the Texas Gulf Coast area of tow boating, safety and crew resource management to assist wheelman in navigating, managing crews, maintaining compliance and resolving issues. In order

to ensure vessels are operating in a safe and environmentally sound manner, and are vetted and inspected as needed by customers, he works regularly with the USCG and GICA.

Captain Tracy is definitely not an all work and no play type of guy. He loves everything about the outdoors, from fishing to hunting to camping. He and his wife Kirsten are the proud parents of 2 year old Tristen Luke Cheramie and reside in Cleveland, TX.

Todd Hundley, Golding Barge Line

Capt Todd Hundley is the Port Captain for Golding Barge Line, and has 31 years of experience in the marine industry. He is responsible for the safe navigation of Golding Barge Lines vessels on all waterways, and oversees the training, posting, and placement of new pilots. Todd started his career in the maritime industry in 1988 as a Junior Engineer and quickly advanced to Chief Engineer. After 10 years as Chief Engineer on vessels up to 6000 hp, Todd was issued his Pilot's License and advanced to Captain shortly after.

In 2004 Todd joined the Golding Barge family as Relief Captain on the company's first vessel. Since joining Golding Barge Line, Todd was promoted to Captain in 2005 and to the position of Port Captain in 2012.

Todd holds a Master of Towing Vessels Upon Great Lakes, Inland Waters and Western Rivers, and is a USCG Designated Examiner.

Dallas Theriot, Savage Services

Captain Dallas Theriot started in the Marine Industry part time during the summer of 1968 while out of school for summer vacation. After getting married in 1969 and working different jobs on shore side, Captain Theriot returned to the marine industry in 1971 and started out as a deckhand and thru the years for various companies has held the positions of Dispatcher, Pilot, Captain, Sr. Port Captain, Operations Manager, and presently holds the position of Port Captain for Savage Inland Marine. Captain Theriot holds a Master of Towing for Inland, Western Rivers & Great Lakes along with a Tankerman License, and is a Designated Examiner. The USCG as an Instructor at Delgado Maritime College, New Orleans East, also certifies Captain Theriot to instruct various Maritime Courses.

Captain Theriot's postings include the following waterways, GIWW Brownsville, TX to Panama City, FL, LMR, UMR, Illinois River, Ohio River, Tombigbee River, Tennessee-Tombigbee River, Tennessee River, Cumberland River, Port Allen Route, Atchafalaya River and the Black and Ouachita Rivers. Captain Theriot is also a First Responder on the GICA Hurricane Response Team and performs waterway assessments post hurricane events. Captain Theriot has received numerous awards and accommodations from the USCG for his work with the USCG, GICA and Industry during LMR high water events, UMR low water & rock removal event, oil spill events, and traffic control at various locks during flooding conditions.

Captain Theriot and his wife Jackie have three sons, two of which are USCG Licensed Captains, one Daughter and seven Grandchildren all whom reside within a 5-mile radius of their home in Berwick, LA.

Brianne Glover, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Brianne Glover is an Associate Research Scientist with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute and Manager of the Infrastructure Investment Analysis Program. She is an Attorney and Counselor at Law, licensed to practice in the state of Texas. She has been involved with numerous research projects within the Infrastructure Investment Analysis Program and the Mobility Analysis Program that focus on transportation financing as well as the economic impacts associated with transportation improvements. Dr. Glover has testified before the Texas House of Representatives Transportation Subcommittee on Long-Term Planning regarding finance options as well as future funding needs.

Dr. Glover's main focus is the maintenance and future development of the Transportation Revenue Estimator and Needs Determination System (TRENDS) model. The TRENDS model is designed to provide transportation planners, policy makers and the public with a tool to forecast transportation revenues and expenses based on a user-defined level of investment at both the state and local level. She has also developed an economic impact assessment tool that produces economic and mobility results at the MPO level. Other projects include benefit-cost analyses for TIGER and BUILD grant applications, economic impact assessments for both the public and private sector, and on-call research support for the Texas legislature regarding financial tools and forecasts, as well as economic transportation topics.

While pursuing her Juris Doctor degree she interned with the State of Texas and Brazos County. Before attending law school, Dr. Glover worked for a local civil engineering firm that specialized in roadway, utility, traffic control and drainage design work for local city and TxDOT projects.

Spencer Murphy, Canal Barge Company

Spencer joined Canal Barge Company in May 2006, and was named Vice President of Risk Management in December 2010 and General Counsel in February 2014. He manages Canal Barge Company's legal work, claims handling, regulatory compliance, and external relations. Spencer is a past President of the Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association (GICA), and has also served on the Framework Development Team for the State of Louisiana's Coastal Restoration Master Plan. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) and the Louisiana Association of Waterway Operators and Shipyards (LAWS). He currently represents Canal Barge Company on the Inland Waterways Users Board.

Prior to joining Canal Barge Company, Spencer was Contracts Director with Intermarine, LLC in New Orleans, where he was primarily responsible for the company's legal and insurance affairs. He also worked in the Admiralty Law section of the Phelps Dunbar law firm in New Orleans.

Spencer graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History and earned his law degree from Tulane University Law School, cum laude, in 1996, with a Certificate of Specialization in Admiralty & Maritime Law.

John Dubberley, USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistic Center

John Dubberley is currently the Chief, Data Collection & Management Office of the Waterborne Commerce Statistic Center (WCSC). His duties include heading all commerce data collection in the United States. He has been with the Army Corps for five years primarily as the head of domestic collections for WCSC overseeing the collection of data on the domestic waterways of the United States. The commerce data collected at WCSC is primary used as a basis for Corps Project economic analysis and funding decisions. Before coming to the Army Corps, John Dubberley worked at the Naval Research Laboratory researching machine learning and sonar vision