

Robert E. Kumpf, MS

Robert (Rob) E. Kumpf enrolled in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 2013 upon moving to western Michigan. Before joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Rob served in the U.S. Army for ten years including multiple combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. Rob served in multiple military occupational statuses, ranging from logistics to field medicine with leadership assignments ranging from team leader to acting platoon sergeant. He served in staff non-commissioned officer positions specializing in operations, planning, and intelligence duties on every organizational level from detachment to combined joint task force. He earned several personal decorations and service awards, including the Combat Action Badge.

As an Auxiliarist, Rob has spent most of his time focused on the Auxiliary's recreational boating safety, member training/mentorship and air operations missions serving as an air crew member, vessel examiner, marine dealer program visitor, and an instructor in addition to other certifications. He has completed all leadership development training courses through AULOC, including Leadership Competency Level 4. From 2015-2017, Rob was a steadfast member of the Auxiliary augmentation crew alongside active and reserve Coast Guard personnel assigned to Station Muskegon where he served as a SAR equipment inspector & maintainer. He has served as an appointed officer since 2014, holding positions on every level of the Auxiliary including his current assignments on national staff. He has also held elective office at the flotilla and division levels since 2016. He is currently the Division Commander of Division 095-31 based in Grand Haven, MI. His Auxiliary awards include Auxiliary Air Crew Wings, the RBS Specialist Device, the Operational Auxiliarist Device as well as an assortment of personal decorations and qualification awards. In 2020, Rob was selected as the 2019 9th WR Auxiliarist of the Year and was Honorable Mention for the Coast Guard's Auxiliarist of the Year. He has contributed nearly ten thousand hours of volunteer service to the Coast Guard.

Rob is a proud alumnus of Norwich University in Vermont (BA- Studies in War & Peace) and Northeastern University in Massachusetts (MS- International Relations). He is pursuing a PhD. He has been married to his wife, Amber, since 2012 with whom he raises two young sons along with their dog. When not engaged with the Auxiliary, Rob is employed as a faculty member at a local college, as well as a trauma technician at a local hospital. When Rob is not busy working, studying, or spending time with his family, he can usually be found drinking coffee while reading a book.