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CAPT Schmadeke is the Chief of the Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety where he serves as the Chief Director of the Coast Guard Auxiliary as well as the National Coordinator for the National Recreational Boating Safety Program.

Previously, he served as the Commanding Officer of USCG Air Station Port Angeles in Port Angeles, WA. He led multi-mission air station supporting D13 & Sector SAR/LE/MEP readiness & response throughout 3,500 square nautical mile AOR with hazardous micro-climates, mountainous terrain, US-Canada international border, Olympic National Park, marine sanctuaries & 9 tribal areas. He provided support services to aviation/facility engineering & finance, administrative & medical services supporting readiness of 10 Olympic peninsula units that included 350 personnel, CGC ACTIVE, 5 87 WPBs, MFPU forward operating base & 3 remote small boat stations.



A native of Fredericksburg, Iowa, CAPT Schmadeke graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1993 & attended Wartburg College in Waverly, IA, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 1997. Upon graduation, he taught elementary school in Phoenix, AZ, and middle school in Byron and Aurora, IL. In December of 2001, he was selected for Officer Candidate School in New London, CT. He was commissioned in May 2002 & assigned to USCG Headquarters in Washington, DC.

After serving 16 months in the Systems Resource Planning (G-SRP) directorate, CAPT Schmadeke was selected for flight training in Pensacola, FL, earning his coveted "Wings of Gold" in 2005. He was assigned to fly the MH-65 at Air Station Port Angeles, WA, where he was designated an Aircraft Commander.

For his second flying tour, CAPT Schmadeke was assigned to Air Station Traverse City, MI. He earned Instructor Pilot/Flight Examiner qualifications & a Master of Science in Quality Systems Management from the National Graduate School in Falmouth, MA. CAPT Schmadeke was then selected to Aviation Training Center Mobile, AL as an MH-65 Standardization Instructor Pilot & Flight Examiner. He served as the H-65 Division Operations Officer and instructed the newest designated aviators in the MH-65D aircraft.

In 2016, CAPT Schmadeke returned to Air Station Port Angeles to serve as the Operations Officer. As the unit's Chief Pilot, he oversaw all aviation response for the northwest Pacific Ocean, Puget Sound, & a 125-mile US/Canadian land/sea border. Additionally, he managed a 1,905 program flight hour portfolio ensuring pilot proficiency, aircrew training/upgrade program & operations covering the Coast Guard's 11 federal statute missions.

In 2019, he was assigned as the USCG Aviation liaison to DHS, CBP/AMO, & the FAA in Washington, DC, where he assisted DHS Chief Readiness Support Office (CRSO) in developing department-wide aviation policy & maintaining inventory & cost tracking for DHS assets.

In 2020, CAPT Schmadeke served as Deputy of Aviation Forces at USCG Headquarters in Washington, DC. As Deputy, he was responsible for providing aviation resources, doctrine, oversight, & training programs. He guided the annual allocation and aviation budget execution in support of 29 air stations, 6 air facilities, & 5,700 personnel to operate 211 aircraft flying 135,000 flight hours in support of Coast Guard missions.

CAPT Schmadeke lives in Sequim, WA, with his wife Kate, daughter Alexandria (20) attending Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD & son Ezekiel (16).