



LTJG Kelly Richters

Auxiliary Administration Branch

Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety



LTJG Richters assumed the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Administration Branch Chief in June 2024. Originally from Richmond, VA, she was raised around significant military influences near Fort Lee, VA. She joined the Coast Guard in 2018 after high school and accepted an appointment to attend the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. She graduated with Honors in 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Government, focusing on Public Policy and Law. Her first tour as a Commissioned Officer was to the Coast Guard's first Offshore Patrol Cutter, CGC ARGUS in San Pedro, CA as a Deck Watch Officer. Due to construction delays in the shipyard with ARGUS, she transferred to the first Coast Guard National Security Cutter, CGC BERTHOLF in Alameda, CA. There, she sailed on three major underway deployments to include: Joint Inter-Agency Task Force South, Alaska, and Western Pacific Patrols. She has also worked temporarily at the Office of Pacific Area Maritime Forces - Cutter Forces on Coast Guard Island.



Outside of the Office of Auxiliary, LTJG Richters is a full time graduate student and is actively pursuing a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling to become a Virginia State Licensed Professional Counselor. Her life goal is to help the military community with mental health and resilience. She is the Coast Guard Headquarters Single Coastie Program Coordinator and organizes morale activities to combat social isolation and suicidal ideation. She is a certified LivingWorks safeTALK facilitator and can train anyone to recognize suicidal thoughts, talk about suicide, and help people get immediate higher levels of care in their communities. She is an 80-hour certified yoga sculpt teacher and is working towards her 200-hour yoga teacher certification. LTJG Richters is also an Operational Auxiliarist in her Auxiliary Flotilla. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering at the local homeless shelter, playing co-ed slow-pitch softball, riding her motorcycle and electric scooter, boarding dogs on the weekend, and spending time with her boyfriend, Paul, a Virginia Military Institute graduate, U.S. Capitol Police Officer, and Army Reservist Military Police Officer.

Her sister, Diana, is enlisted as a Coast Guard Public Affairs Specialist Petty Officer. Her brother-in-law, Dave, is an Operations Specialist Petty Officer, and her parents Caroline and Walter are both Coast Guard Auxiliarists.