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## **Lieutenant Commander Kaitlin Ward**

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Lt. Cmdr. Kaitlin Ward is the commander of the Miami Military Entrance Processing Station and supports the USMEPCOM mission of evaluating applicants by applying Department of Defense standards in processing and determining eligibility for military service.

She received her commission through the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, in 2014.

She served as deck watch officer aboard USCGC Willow in Newport, Rhode Island; commanding officer aboard USCGC Ridley; Instructional System Analyst, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington D.C.; commanding officer aboard USCGC Sitkinak, Portland, Maine and deputy logistics officer at USCG Sector Delaware Bay, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Her professional military education includes Coast Guard Law Enforcement Boarding Officer School, Prospective Commanding Officer Afloat Course, Advanced Mishap Analysis and Reporting Course, Incident Command System Logistics Officer and various technical afloat training. She earned a Bachelor of Science in marine environmental science the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and a Master of Education in instructional systems technology from the University of Indiana.

Her awards include four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal and various service, unit, and personal medals and ribbons.