Mr. Lee Willett

United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Savannah Senior Investigating Officer



Mr. Willet is a fully qualified US Coast Guard Investigating Officer, Suspension and Revocation Investigator, Senior Marine Inspector. He provides technical expertise and leadership to the Captain of the Port (COTP), Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection (OCMI), and Federal On-scene Coordinators (FOSC) in the port of Savannah and the surrounding area of responsibility.

Prior to his current positions he served from 2016 to 2018 on active duty at US Coast Guard Detached Duty Grand Haven as the supervisor. His previous active duty assignments include: 2012 to 2016 MSU Savannah, Acting Senior Investigating Officer, US Coast Guard Investigating Officer, Suspension and Revocation Investigator, Acting Commercial Fishing Vessel Supervisor, Senior Marine Inspector, Foreign Vessel Examiner. 2007 to 2012 MSU Port Arthur, Inspector and Investigations Duty Officer, Marine Casualty Investigator, Chief of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), and Marine Inspector. 2006 to 2007 Sector Field Office Grand Haven Port Response and Prevention where he was promoted to Warrant Officer. 2004-2006 MSU Port Arthur, Port Operations, Pollution Investigator, Facility Security Planner and Facility Security Inspection.



He earned Enlisted person of the year for District 8 (2004). 1994 to 2003 Container Inspection Team, (CITAT), Instructor, Course Writer, National Subject Matter Expert for Radioactive Materials and Organic Peroxides shipments. Mr. Willett earned National Maritime Center's performer of the year for 1998. 1991-to 1994 USCGC THETIS, Deck Department on 270' Coast Guard Cutter. He qualified as Advanced Damage Controlman, Crewman for Motor Surf Boat, Law Enforcement Boarding Team Member, 50 Caliber team leader, Helicopter Landing Safety Officer Phone Talker, Anchor Captain, Helmsman, Lookout, and Rigger for Underway replenishment.

Mr. Willett is an Alabama native, and a Bachelor of Science in Applied Technology, Environmental Science. He is married to the former Lisa Smoak, they have two sons, Blayne and Brayden, and a daughter Maylee.