



## **Captain Leon D. Dame** *United States Coast Guard Reserve*

**U.S. Coast Guard District Eleven  
Deputy Senior Reserve Officer**



Captain Dame assumed the duties of Deputy Senior Reserve Officer (SRO) for District 11 in October 2018. As the Deputy SRO, he oversaw all operational reservists for the District. Captain Dame also oversaw the mobilization of reservists to support U.S. Customs and Border Protection during the increased activity of migrants attempting to cross the international border. Previously, he served as the Logistics Officer for MSST San Diego (91109). During his tenure, the unit began a transition into the west coast's Short-Notice Maritime Response/counter-terrorism unit, which includes Direct Action Sections, Tactical Delivery Teams and all three Regional Dive Lockers in Honolulu, HI, San Diego, CA, and Portsmouth VA. MSST San Diego was renamed Maritime Security Response Team West, on November 1, 2017.



Captain Dame's 30-year career has included a variety of operational and staff assignments. His previous assignments include: SRO of Sector San Francisco, California; Senior Reserve Prevention Officer and Senior Investigating Reserve Officer of Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach, California; Executive Officer of Maritime Force Protection Unit, Bangor, Washington; Operations Officer for Port Security Unit 311, San Pedro, California; Marine Inspector of Sector San Diego, California; Division Officer, Sea Marshal Team, Sector San Diego, California; and tours at Marine Safety Office, San Diego, California; Reserve Unit Phoenix, Arizona and assignment to the Colorado River Patrol, Lake Havasu, Arizona.

Captain Dame's civilian experience includes positions as an Inspector with the United States Department of Homeland Security. Captain Dame also works with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff/Paramedic assigned to the Lake Patrol section. He retired as a Detective with the Arizona Department of Public Safety's Hazardous Materials/WMD Section. Previous highlighted assignments include SWAT, Fugitives, and the Air Rescue Section. Prior to his law enforcement career, Captain Dame was a Fire Chief of a Fire District in Southern Arizona.

Captain Dame, a native of San Marino, California, enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve in 1989. He received his commission at Yorktown, Virginia in 1995. Captain Dame holds four Associate Degrees and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He has studied at the National Defense University and the Naval War College.

Captain Dame's personal awards include four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the 9-11 Medal, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and various unit and service awards. He has also earned the Advanced Boat Force Operations Insignia and the Permanent Marine Safety Insignia.

Captain Dame is married to the former Marzena Kucio of Ketrzyn, Warminsko/Mazurskie, Poland. They have five children Leon, Natalia, Christopher, Matthew, and Andrea ranging in age from 34 to 26.