



Captain Michael P. C. Chien
Commanding Officer
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United States Coast Guard



Captain Chien assumed the duties of the Commanding Officer of the Research and Development Center (RDC) in June 2023, providing oversight of project planning and execution for a variety of research efforts. Captain Chien oversees the extensive research portfolio of the Coast Guard's primary facility performing research, development, test and evaluation in support of the service's major missions.

His previous assignments include the Office of Cyberspace Forces, where he served as the Cyber Strategy Division Chief. He also served as the Cyber Battlewatch Captain and Joint Operations Center Director at U.S. Cyber Command; as the Command Executive Officer and founding member of Strategic Initiatives Group at Joint Interagency Task Force South; and in the Office of C4 and Sensor Capabilities, where he served as the Offshore Patrol Cutter Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Sponsor's Representative at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Captain Chien's operational assignments include Operations Division Chief at Electronic Systems Support Unit Portsmouth in Portsmouth, Virginia; Communications Engineer at the RDC when it was located at Avery Point in Groton, Connecticut; and Assistant Engineering Officer and Damage Control Assistant aboard Coast Guard Cutter DAUNTLESS (WMEC-624) in Galveston, Texas.

A 2001 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, Captain Chien also holds Master of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and Engineering and Management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Systems Design and Management program. He is a certified Project Management Professional and Prosci Change Management Practitioner.

His personal awards include two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation. He's also earned the Navy's Information Warfare Officer (IWO) designator and is authorized to wear the IWO insignia.

Captain Chien is from Sugar Land, Texas. His wife, Katie, and three children, Molly, James and Henry, currently reside in West Hartford, Connecticut.