



**Mr. Leigh G. Cotterell PMP, CISM, GCIH, ISO 27001**

**Maritime Transportation System Specialist- Cyber**

**Coast Guard District 14**

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Mr. Leigh G. Cotterell assumed duties as Coast Guard District 14's Maritime Transportation System Cybersecurity Specialist in March 2021. In this role, he is primarily tasked with building cyber-resilience across the Hawaiian Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands through service as a cyber-advisor to senior Coast Guard leaders and the maritime industry.

Mr. Cotterell has more than 15 years of experience in vessel and facility inspections, maritime risk management and cybersecurity. Additionally, he is a retired Coast Guard Officer with multiple operational rotations across the Marine Safety, Information Technology, and Cybersecurity specialties.

Before joining District 14's staff, Mr. Cotterell served as Coast Guard Cyber Command's Defensive Cyber Operations Lead from 2017 to 2020, where he provided leadership, strategy, and oversight across multiple cyber-readiness projects and initiatives impacting geographically dispersed Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Defense equities.

Mr. Cotterell is also a Senior Marine Inspector with marine safety tours covering Port Operations, Port State Control Examinations, Marine Investigations, and Cargo & Passenger Vessel Inspections. Further, he is also a certified Project Management Professional, ISO 27001 Lead Security Auditor, Certified Information Security Manager, and qualified Cyber Incident Response Handler.

In addition, Mr. Cotterell holds an undergraduate degree in Information Technology, a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in National Security Affairs, and a Master's in Telecommunications Security and Forensics.