



**Captain Tad Wilson**  
**Chief of Staff, Pacific Area**  
**Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Task Force-Arctic**  
**U. S. Coast Guard**



Captain Wilson currently serves as the Chief of Staff, Coast Guard Pacific Area and as the Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Task Force-Arctic. In this role, he directly supports the Area Commander, the Commander, Defense Force West and the Commander, Coast Guard Task Force-Arctic. He manages the staff, subordinate units, and major cutters responsible for all Coast Guard missions westward from the Rocky Mountains across the Indo-Pacific, Arctic, and Antarctic regions to the coast of eastern Africa.

After receiving his commission from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1996, Captain Wilson served an initial tour as an Engineering Officer in Training aboard Coast Guard Cutter THETIS, executing law enforcement and drug and migrant interdiction missions in the Caribbean Basin.



He then attended Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida, and served his first aviation tour flying the HH-65A helicopter at Air Station San Francisco, California. He was designated an Aeronautical Engineer and served as the Assistant Aeronautical Engineering Officer at Coast Guard Air Station Savannah, Georgia. In 2010 he earned a Master of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Purdue University then went on to be the Engineering Services Division Chief at the Aviation Logistics Center, assuring the airworthiness of the Coast Guard's entire aviation fleet of over 200 aircraft. Captain Wilson then returned to the West Coast as the Engineering Officer of Air Station San Francisco before fleeting up to serve as Executive Officer. He then attended the U.S. Naval War College where he earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. He then served as the Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics. He was then honored to serve as Commanding Officer of the Aviation Logistics Center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, providing aviation capability to the entire U.S. Coast Guard. Captain Wilson most recently served as Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard's Eleventh District.

Captain Wilson has been happily married for 22 years to the former Patricia Otis of Trois-Rivières, Quebec, Canada. They are the proud parents of three awesome kids, Emma (17), Finley (15), and Luce (12).