

Peter Gooding

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Lieutenant Commander Peter Gooding (TAMS '92) as of 2009 was the Military Aide and Assistant to the Secretary for Policy at the Department of Transportation. Lieutenant Commander Gooding reviews policy as it relates to Maritime Safety, Transportation Security, reconstruction of Iraq's Transportation Network, and implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Peter graduated the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1996, receiving his Bachelor of Science degrees in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduation, then-Lieutenant Gooding was stationed on the Coast Guard Cutter SENECA out of Boston, MA. He served as the Assistant Chief Engineer and was involved in the 13,000 lb drug seizure of the M/V LIMERICK. In 2000, Peter received his Master of Science degrees in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Upon graduation from MIT, he completed his staff tour at Coast Guard Headquarters, working in the Office of Naval Architecture Standards on international stability standards for cargo and large passenger vessels and the Office of Port Security developing international and domestic maritime security standards. While at Coast Guard Headquarters, he also worked directly for the Assistant Commandant of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection conducting legislative affairs and policy review for the marine safety program.

From 2000 to 2004, Lieutenant Commander Gooding was the Chief of the Waterways Management Division for the United States Coast Guard at Sector Los Angeles – Long Beach. In this capacity, he oversaw the construction and operations occurring on the waterways between the San Diego and Monterey County lines of California. He also oversaw the Vessel Traffic Service for the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and the safe and secure flow of commerce for the nation's busiest port complex. He was involved in permitting movie filming on the water, including *Pirates of the Caribbean III* and in the regulatory review of several major construction projects, including Liquefied Natural Gas receiving terminals and the dredging of the major channel into the Port of Los Angeles.

Lieutenant Commander Gooding's awards include two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and two National Defense Medals. Lieutenant Commander Gooding is married to the former Jennifer Martin of San Diego, CA. They have one daughter, Alissa.