



## Lieutenant Commander Megan D. Concepcion

### United States Coast Guard Military Mentor

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Lt. Cmdr. Megan Concepcion is an Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard and currently serves in a Special Assignment as the Central Regional Leader at Coast Guard Recruiting Command. In this unique position, she leads 80 personnel and is directly responsible for the mission planning, training, and oversight of recruiting operations spanning 16 states. Possessing an interest for law enforcement, Lt. Cmdr. Concepcion was intrigued by the Coast Guard when the service sponsored a leadership training at her college. Lt. Cmdr. Concepcion applied and was selected for the Coast Guard's College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative (CSPI) scholarship in 2010. The CSPI scholarship provided funding for her undergraduate degree and confirmed a commission through Officer Candidate School upon her completion of undergraduate studies.



A native of Bolingbrook, Illinois, Lt. Cmdr. Concepcion relocated with her family to California where she attended Vista Murrieta High School in Murrieta, California. Lt. Cmdr. Concepcion was an active participant in her high school's band where she played clarinet and baritone. In 2007, Lt. Cmdr. Concepcion began her matriculation at Spelman College, located in Atlanta, Georgia. While attending Spelman, she was a board member for the college's chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. and the neighboring institution's (Morehouse College) Sociological Association. Through these organizations, she actively worked to lead and empower women and youth within the Atlanta community. In 2011, Lt. Cmdr. Concepcion graduated Cum Laude with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She also received a Master of Professional Studies degree in Homeland Security from Pennsylvania State University in 2016.

In 2011, Lt. Cmdr. Concepcion began her Coast Guard career as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter VALIANT. In this position, she was responsible for the safe navigation of the 210 ft. cutter, welfare of 80 crew, and overall mission execution through four major inspections and five deployments that spanned the Florida Straits, Western Caribbean, and the Gulf of Mexico. In 2013, she transitioned to her primary specialty as an Intelligence Officer with the Coast Guard Counterintelligence Service in Washington, D.C., where she was responsible for shielding Coast Guard operations, personnel, and critical information from Foreign Intelligence and Security Services and the insider threat. In 2015, Lt. Cmdr. Concepcion joined the Intelligence Staff at Sector San Juan, Puerto Rico, where she was responsible for collection, analysis, and dissemination of tactical and operational intelligence gathered by domestic, foreign law enforcement, and military agencies to combat illicit activity in the Caribbean.

Lt. Cmdr. Concepcion was the recipient of the Science Spectrum Trailblazer Award, presented to her at the 28th Black Engineer of the Year Award STEM Conference in 2014. Her volunteer efforts consist of women shelters, Habitat for Humanity, toy drives with local churches, D.C. Central Kitchen, and mentoring youth on leadership, academic and career success, and overall personal development. Through the United States Senate Youth Program, she would like to share her diverse personal and professional experiences with the scholars and encourage them to excel in their future endeavors.

Lt. Cmdr. Concepcion's innate ability to provide mentorship to youth, peers, and superiors alike allows her to make a profound impact on those she interacts with. She is married to an active-duty Coast Guard officer, and together they have three children.