

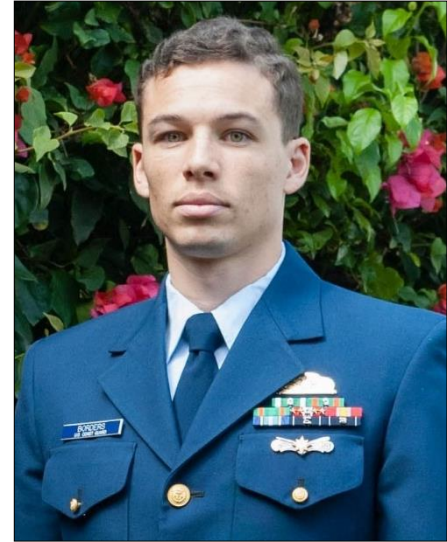


Lieutenant Nathan M. Borders

United States Coast Guard

Military Mentor

Lt. Borders graduated from Benson High School (BHS) in Benson, Arizona as valedictorian in 2010. At BHS, he was student council vice-president, soccer team captain, and attended the American Legion Boys State. Through immersion in community service activities and recognition of familial police and military service, Lt. Borders decided to pursue his commitment to the community and nation through military service. In 2010, he was appointed to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (CGA) in New London, Connecticut. At the CGA, Lt. Borders was a varsity athlete, Genesis Council president, Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference participant, and National Political Science Honor Society inductee. He was commissioned in the U.S. Coast Guard in 2014, earning a Bachelor of Science in Government with High Honors.



Lt. Borders was then assigned to Sector St. Petersburg, Florida, planning and conducting maritime law enforcement (MLE) and Ports, Waterways, and Coastal Security (PWCS) operations. In 2017, he transferred to Maritime Security Response Team (MSRT) West in San Diego, California. While attached, he led a Deployable Specialized Forces combined team to Southeast Asia to support U.S. Navy CTF-73 in conducting Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training 2019 and the inaugural ASEAN-U.S. Maritime Exercises. In 2020, Lt. Borders was assigned as the first U.S. Coast Guard member to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer Course at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) in Fort Benning, Georgia. In 2021, he graduated first in the class, earning a Master of Operational Studies.

Lt. Borders is currently serving in a special duty assignment as the Maritime Advisor to the Department of State International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Section at U.S. Embassy Tegucigalpa in Honduras in support of Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE) capacity building. His primary specialty is Operations Ashore Response, leading MLE, Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security (PWCS), and search and rescue operations from ashore units. During his service, Lt. Borders deployed to support MLE operations aboard three Coast Guard Cutters in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, Yellow, East, and South China Seas. Lt. Borders earned the General George C. Marshall Honor Award, the Peruvian Academic Excellence Award, and the WHINSEC International Junta Military Award. Lt. Borders' other medals include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

While at the CGA, Lt. Borders mentored in a high school college preparatory program. Afterwards, he engaged in unofficial mentorship encounters with high school students looking to attend the CGA. The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) provides him with an official avenue to mentor and guide America's youth towards the vast service opportunities and to give back to the community in a more personal way. As a U.S. Coast Guard officer who made informed decisions through the help of various mentors during his non-traditional career path, Lt. Borders can provide transparent mentorship and guidance through the USSYP.

Lt. Borders is married with two children, the primary focus of his off-duty activities. He is attending Troy University in his own time to earn a Master of Science in International Relations and avidly participates in recreational soccer.