

## **MICHAEL E. BENNETT**

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### **EXECUTIVE PROFILE**

Intelligence Leader/Senior Policy Advisor/Global Security Executive

Michael is a distinguished leader in both the public and private sector currently serving as the Director for Crisis Management at Snapchat where he oversees the development and implementation of business resiliency strategies across Snap's global network of 62 business locations, supporting 6000 employees worldwide. Michael enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1991, and proudly served until 2019 retiring as a senior officer. He's held senior executive roles at DIA, NSA, and DHS. His distinguished career leading global intelligence operations, advising senior National Security Leaders, managing geopolitical risk and crises span the globe from Iraq and Afghanistan to the Asia Pacific, and Haiti where he was the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attache'. Michael was the first Coast Guard Fellow at the Defense Intelligence Agency's Center for Strategic Intelligence Research and later served as a National Security Agency Director's Fellow.

#### Accomplishments as the U.S. Coast Guard Intelligence Program and IC Historian

As the historian for the Coast Guard Intelligence Program from 2005 – 2019 and USCG representative to the Intelligence Community Historian Panel – Michael led the development of Intelligence Community Directive 108 which established the foundation for the IC Historian Panel and created policy outlining responsibilities to produce historical products and services by IC history programs across 18 federal agencies.

His extensive archival research uncovered the formerly SECRET story of the USCG/OSS partnership and first Frogmen in the U.S.; discovered Coast Guard Unit 387 history as the first US agency to crack the German Enigma in partnership w/Bletchley Park; and his writing and partnership with the NSA historian resulted in the nomination and acceptance of the first USCG Officer – Captain Leonard T. Jones - into the NSA Hall of Honor in December of 2016. Most recently, his participation in the production of the PBS series *American Experience* as a technical adviser and intelligence community historian helped to tell the story of Elizebeth Friedman, the mother of Cryptology in the United States and former Coast Guard cryptanalyst, for the episode titled the *Code Breaker* that aired on January 11, 2021.

Michael was the first Assistant Professor and Director of the Intelligence and National Security Studies Program at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy from 2005 – 2009, where he laid the foundation for academic coursework in Intelligence Studies.

## EDUCATION

- Master of Arts, International Affairs, Tufts University Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy
  - Program completion July 2024
- Graduate Certificate, Chinese Intelligence Studies, National Intelligence University, 2013
- Master of Science, Strategic Intelligence Studies (MSSI) National Intelligence University, 2003
  - First USCG Research Fellow, Office of Applied Research, DIA (Summer 2003)
- Bachelor of Arts Political Science/Environmental Science, Webster University, 1998
  - Awarded Certificate of Distinction – History, Politics, and Law Department for Senior Thesis on Countering Islamic Radicalization.

## EXPERIENCE

- Director, Crisis Management & Continuity of Operations.** 7/2023 – Current  
**Snap, Inc (Snapchat), New Your City, Wash, D.C., London**
- Senior Executive, Intelligence Workforce Enterprise Programs** 01/2023 – 07/2023  
**Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Wash, D.C.**
- Deputy Director, Current & Emerging Threat Center** 12/2021 – 12/2022  
**DHS I&A – 12 month Joint Duty Assignment**  
**Wash, D.C.**
- Senior Program Manager (GS15/Step 10)** 11/2019 – 12/2021  
**Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Wash, D.C.**
- Senior Defense Official & Defense Attaché** 07/2017 – 10/2019  
**Defense Intelligence Agency/SOUTHCOM/U.S. Coast Guard**  
**U.S. Embassy Port Au Prince, Haiti**
- Chief Operating Officer/Executive Officer** 07/2014 - 07/2016  
**Coast Guard Intelligence Coordination Center (ICC), Wash, D.C.**
- Commanding Officer CG Cryptologic Unit/Chief, Operations NSA Hawaii** 06/2011 – 07/2014  
**National Security Agency/U.S. Coast Guard, Honolulu HI**

## U.S. COAST GUARD 1991 – 2011

- Commander, Redeployment Assistance Inspection Detachment (RAID)** 2010 – 2011
- U.S. Army 595<sup>th</sup> Transportation Brigade/U.S. Coast Guard
  - Afghanistan, Iraq/Ground Forces Combat Support
  - Led 40 active & reserve USCG & 100 US Army soldiers
- Director's Fellow, National Security Agency/Central Security Service** 2009 – 2010
- Washington, D.C., Pakistan, India, Afghanistan
  - Senior Executive on Director NSA staff leading on-sight international negotiations w/foreign partners & stand up of US CYBER COMMAND

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| <b>Director &amp; Assistant Professor Strategic Intelligence Studies Program</b> | <b>2005 – 2009</b> |
| - U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT                                       |                    |
| - Dual hatted - Acting Chief, Operational Intelligence School, Yorktown, VA      | <b>2007</b>        |
| <b>Senior Intelligence Analyst /Senior Counter Terrorism Analyst</b>             | <b>2003 – 2005</b> |
| - U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific, Alameda, CA      |                    |
| <b>Deputy Chief, Contingency Planning/Field Intelligence Support Team Leader</b> | <b>2000 – 2002</b> |
| - Marine Safety Office/Group Portland, OR  |                    |
| <b>Deputy Chief, Response Operations Branch</b>                                  | <b>1998 – 2000</b> |
| - Office of Response (G-MOR), Washington, D.C.                                   |                    |
| <b>Petty Officer/Pollution Investigator/FOSCR</b>                                | <b>1994 – 1998</b> |
| - Marine Safety Office, St. Louis, MO  |                    |
| <b>Petty Officer/Boarding Officer/Small Boat Engineer</b>                        | <b>1991 – 1994</b> |
| - Marine Safety Office Houston, TX   |                    |

### RELEVANT TRAINING

Project Management Institute, Project Management Professional Certification Course, 2021  
 Joint Military Attaché School, Defense Intelligence Agency, 2017  
 Defense Security Cooperation University, Security Cooperation Officer, 2017  
 Defense Language Institute, French Language & Haitian Cultural Training, 2016  
 Diplomatic Security Service, Foreign Affairs Counter Threat Course, 2016  
 HUMINT Training Center, Fort Huachuca, AZ, J2X Joint CI/HUMINT Operations, 2016  
 ODNI, Senior Intelligence Officer - Integrating the Intelligence Community, 2015  
 U.S. Navy, Center for Information Dominance, Joint Network Attack Course, 2013  
 U.S. Coast Guard, Command Assignment Preparation Training (CAPT), 2012

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Business Continuity Professional (CBCP), DRI International  
 Master Intelligence Officer, U.S. Coast Guard  
 Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché, Defense Intelligence Agency  
 Marine Safety Professional Device, U.S. Coast Guard

### AWARDS

Department of State Benjamin Franklin Award 2019; Department of State Meritorious Honor Award 2019; Defense Superior Service Medal; Bronze Star Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; USCG Commendation Medal (4); USCG Achievement Medal (4); 2010 & 2016 Foundation for Coast Guard History Individual Achievement Award; USCG 2008 Chief Journalist Alex Haley Award; NATO Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal

### INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Canada, England, France, Italy, Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Qatar, Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, India, Japan, Australia, Singapore, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Guyana

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Guardian Spies: The SECRET Story of Coast Guard Intelligence in World War II – Pat I & II.  
*American Intelligence Journal*  
National Military Intelligence Foundation, December 2010

Guardian Spies: A Survey of Coast Guard Intelligence 1790 – 1945  
*Studies in Intelligence*  
CIA Center for the Study of Intelligence, December 2008