



CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA
BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPLICATION

Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Floor 3
Phone: 907.747.1826 Fax: 907.747.7403 Email: clerk@cityofsitka.org

Submit this completed application AND either a letter of interest or resume to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For: Tourism Commission

Name: Ian Dempster Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Length of Residence in Sitka: 2.5 years Registered to vote in Sitka? Yes No

Employer Business Name and your position: Active Duty Coast Guard, Small Business Owner

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Association, Air Station Sitka's Chief Mess, Safe Guard Sitka's Future coalition.

Explain your main reason for applying:

To offer my project management and leadership experience to help facilitate common ground between the cruise industry and Sitka residents, Also, to generate responsible tourism practices for the betterment of Sitka. +

What experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?

B.A. in Business Administration, graduate of coast guard leadership and management school, graduate of Chief Petty Officer Academy, qualifications in Mission Support Planning, Performance Assessment and Mission Strategy Execution. +

Appointments are typically made during Assembly meeting open sessions. However, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? Yes No

Potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment must be disclosed. These may include, but are not limited to, a substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment, or an immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment. **Do you have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose?** Yes No

If yes, please explain: Wife and I are small business owner with primary customers being tourists.

I understand this is a volunteer position appointed by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly and requires regular meeting attendance. I further understand this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in media outlets. If I am appointed to serve, I will follow all laws, procedures, and practices associated with my appointment.

I certify that the information in my application is true and accurate.

Date: Oct 7th, 2024 Applicant Signature: DEMPSTER.IAN.MCKLINTON.1287357547 Digitally signed by DEMPSTER.IAN.MCKLINTON.1287357547 Date: 2024.10.07 14:25:54 -08'00'

Ian Dempster



Objective

Dedicated Coast Guard Officer with a proven track record of exemplary service. Seeking opportunities to contribute expertise in leadership, crisis management, and strategic planning to the Tourism Commission.

Military Experience

Air Station Sitka, Logistics Officer (August 2022-Present)

- Manages \$2.8M air operations budget for helicopter rescue and training operations.
- Fuel Team Leader for the state of Alaska ensuring all Coast Guard assets throughout the state remain mission ready. Responsible for \$15 million budget to 44 units across Alaska.

Patrol Forces Southwest Asia Bahrain, Logistics Officer (June 2021-June 2022)

- Responsible for contracting services, procurement, and supply for 10 Coast Guard Cutters, a Maritime Engagement Team, a Forward Operating Base, and 300+ shoreside personnel in support of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command.
- Mission Coordinator liaison with U.S. embassies in Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, and Israel.
- Developed logistics support models to establish deployable support teams necessary to sustain operations well beyond the Arabian Gulf and guarantee continuity of operations.
- Spearheaded logistical support coordination for Operation GRIDIRON, a 99-day voyage spanning 11,000 miles and 14 foreign port visits which included 6 international engagements with key regional partners across both U.S. Navy FIFTH and SIXTH fleets coincidental to delivering two Fast Response Cutters to Bahrain.

Aviation Detachment Guantanamo Bay Cuba, Officer in Charge (April 2017-June 2021)

- Responsible for supporting all Coast Guard Cutters and Aviation Assets in support of national security, defense, and disaster relief operations in the Caribbean.
 - Coast Guards direct representative to the Naval Station Commanding Officer of Guantanamo Bay.
 - Leader of 6-member team that established the premier logistical hub for all Southern Command resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. Supported 217 port calls for 30 Coast Guard Cutters, 8 Naval Destroyers, 24 Aviation Assets, and 4 Law Enforcement Detachment Teams.
 - Developed lasting partnerships with local military presence & other federal agencies. Displayed remarkable fortitude and efficiency in responding to major hurricanes and earned accolades from multiple unit commands.
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Professional Experience

Sitka Nuts, Founder & Owner

- Launched and grew successful nut-based snack company, recognized by the Sitka Chamber of Commerce as the New Business of the Year.
- Managed all aspects of the business, including product development, supply chain management, marketing, and sales.

Education

- B.A. Business Administration- Columbia College.
- Graduate of Coast Guard Leadership and Management School
- Chief Warrant Officer Professional Development School
- Graduate of Chief Petty Officer Academy

Community Service and Social Contributions

Chairman, Safeguard Sitka's Future Coalition (June 2023- Present)

- Actively Contributed to initiatives promoting responsible cruise tourism in Sitka, advocating for sustainable practices that balance economic growth with environmental protection.

Mentor, Sitka High School Students (June 2022- Present)

- Provided guidance and support to high school students, helping them develop leadership skills, academic excellence, and personal growth.
- Organized and led workshops on career readiness, teamwork, and decision-making.

Reference

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