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Lieutenant Ketchum was born and raised in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1998. Specializing in Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement operations, he served at Coast Guard units in Louisiana, Florida, and California, during which time he also performed port security operations in Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, participated in the Coast Guard's response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, and deployed to Umm Qsar, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Following graduation from Florida State University, he was commissioned in 2008 and served at the Maritime Security Response Team, the Coast Guard's high risk law enforcement and counterterrorism unit in Chesapeake, Virginia. Lieutenant Ketchum most recently served as a program manager in the Office of Boat Forces at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, before taking command of Coast Guard Station Fort Lauderdale in 2014.