

REAR ADMIRAL ROBERT J. PAPP, JR.
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



Rear Admiral Papp was appointed Director of Reserve and Training on 7 October 2002. He serves as director of the Coast Guard Reserve and is charged with developing policies to recruit, train, allocate, and support 13,000 Coast Guard Ready Reservists. He also serves as a member of the Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board, which advises the Secretary of Defense on Reserve matters.

Rear Admiral Papp is additionally responsible for the planning and technical control of the Coast Guard Training Centers: Cape May, NJ; Petaluma, CA; Yorktown, VA; Aviation Technical Training Center, Elizabeth City, NC; and the Leadership Development Center at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. He is a member of the Board of Trustees at the Coast Guard Academy, serves as the Chairman of the Commandant's Leadership Advisory Council, and coordinates the operation of the Commandant's Diversity Council.

Rear Admiral Papp is a 1975 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. He holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies awarded by the United States Naval War College and a Master of Science degree in Management awarded by Salve Regina College.

His initial assignment was deck watch officer and Operations Officer aboard USCGC IRONWOOD (WLB 297) homeported in Adak, Alaska. Subsequent afloat assignments include: Executive Officer aboard USCGC REDWOOD (WLM685) in New London, Connecticut; Deck Watch Officer and Commandant of Cadets onboard USCG Barque EAGLE; Commanding Officer of USCGC RED BEECH (WLM 686) at Governors Island, New York; Commanding Officer of USCGC PAPA (WLB 308) in Charleston, South Carolina; Commanding Officer of USCGC FORWARD (WMEC 911) out of Portsmouth, Virginia; and, Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard's training barque EAGLE, "America's Tall Ship."

His primary duties in the Coast Guard have been seagoing in nature. Highlights include service during summer 1994 as Commander Task Unit 44.7.4 in Operation Able Manner off the coast of Haiti, and enforcement of United Nations sanctions during Operation Support Democracy. His task unit grew ultimately to 16 cutters and associated aircraft in support of Naval forces during the intervention in Haiti, Operation Uphold Democracy. In 1996, while in command of EAGLE, he represented U. S. Naval Services at the 300th anniversary celebration of the Russian Fleet in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Assignments ashore have included the Commandant of Cadets staff at the Coast Guard Academy; Aids to Navigation staff in the Third Coast Guard District at Governors Island, New York; Chief of the Capabilities Branch in the Defense Operations Division of Coast Guard Headquarters; Chief of the Fleet Development Team in the Office of Navigation Safety and Waterway Services; Director of the Leadership Development Center; Chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Congressional Affairs and most recently, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard.

Rear Admiral Papp's personal awards include the Legion of Merit w/gold star, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon and various service and unit awards.

Rear Admiral Papp is a native of Norwich, Connecticut. He is married to the former Linda Kapral of East Lyme, Connecticut. Rear Admiral and Mrs. Papp have three daughters: Lindsay age 21 and twins Caitlin and Jillian, age 17.