



Rear Admiral Joseph M. Vojvodich

Deputy for Mission Support U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Joseph M. Vojvodich (VAH-vah-ditch) currently serves as the Deputy for Mission Support at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters. The Mission Support enterprise is responsible for staffing, training, and equipping the Coast Guard to meet all mission requirements.

Prior to reporting as Deputy for Mission Support, Rear Admiral Vojvodich served as the U.S. Coast Guard's Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO). As CAO, he directed efforts across all Coast Guard acquisition programs, acquisition support, personnel, finance, and research and development activities to execute the service's acquisition portfolio.

His other Flag Officer assignment was Program Executive Officer (PEO) and Director of Acquisition Programs, where he oversaw all Coast Guard acquisition programs and projects for the modernization and recapitalization of Coast Guard assets in support of the multiple maritime missions. Before that, he was Commander of Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound, where he was responsible for search and rescue, environmental response, port safety and security, inspections of domestic and foreign vessels, ice breaking missions, and fisheries enforcement operations for coastal Connecticut, Long Island Sound and waters extending 200 nautical miles offshore. He also previously served as the Acquisition Program Manager for the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) domain and the Technical Manager for the Rescue 21 Program.



His afloat assignments include a tour as Commanding Officer of the multi-national crewed Caribbean Support Tender, USCGC GENTIAN; Executive Officer on USCGC STORIS; Commanding Officer of USCGC SAPELO; and Navigator on the USCGC MIDGETT. He supervised the Coast Guard's research and development portfolio at the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate. His other shore assignments include technical and management positions at the Telecommunications Branch of the Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic and at the Network Engineering Branch at Telecommunications and Information Systems Command.

Born in South Korea, he was raised in Richmond, Ohio and graduated from Jefferson Union High School. Rear Admiral Vojvodich is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with honors. He earned a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University and has completed the Naval War College nonresidential curriculum. In 2001, he obtained his Project Manager Professional certification. He is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces where he earned a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy. He is also a certified Level III Acquisition Professional and holds the Chief Information Officer certificate from the National Defense University.