



# Rear Admiral Michael P. Ryan

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Rear Admiral Mike Ryan serves as the Assistant Commandant for Capability, and is responsible for identifying and providing capabilities, competencies, and capacity along with developing standards for the staffing, training, equipping, sustaining, maintaining, and employing Coast Guard forces to meet mission requirements.

Prior to this, he served as the Executive Assistant to the 25<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Coast Guard and Executive Director for the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support (DCMS). He also led the Officer Personnel Management (OPM) division at the Personnel Service Center where he directed career actions for the service's 9000 officers.

He served as Deputy Sector Commander of Sector Northern New England in directing mission execution in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Northeastern New York. His afloat tours include serving as Commanding Officer aboard USCGC KATMAI BAY and Executive Officer aboard USCGC BISCAYNE BAY conducting icebreaking operations in the Great Lakes, and Operations Officer aboard USCGC RED BIRCH executing Aids to Navigation missions in the Mid-Atlantic.

Using his C4IT specialty, he commanded the Operations Systems Center (OSC) with responsibility for software development and sustainment of enterprise information technology systems. He also commanded Electronic Systems Support Unit St. Louis, providing support for 77 operational and shoreside units in the Midwest. He was a 'plank owner' for the USCG Differential Global Positioning System during his tour at the Electronics Engineering Center in Wildwood, NJ, and served as Information Systems Branch Chief in the Office of Command and Control Architecture (G-OCC) at Headquarters.

Rear Admiral Ryan is a 1988 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree with Honors in Mathematical and Computer Sciences. He also completed a Master of Science degree in Computer Science at Purdue University in 1993.

He received the AFCEA / U.S. Naval Institute Copernicus Award in 2002 and the Federal 100 Award in 2011 for outstanding Information Systems contributions. His personal awards include two Legions of Merit and five Meritorious Service Medals with "O" device among others.

