



Rear Admiral Richard T. Gromlich

Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Richard T. Gromlich assumed the duties as the Commander, Coast Guard 13th District in June 2013. He is responsible for all Coast Guard operations throughout the Pacific Northwest which includes protecting life and property, enforcing federal laws and treaties, preserving the living marine resources, and promoting national security. Headquartered in Seattle, WA, the Thirteenth District includes the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana and includes more than 4,400 miles of coastline, 600 miles of inland waterways, and a 125 nm international border with Canada.



In order to accomplish the Coast Guard's missions in the Pacific Northwest, the Thirteenth District is home to approximately 1,746 active duty, 133 civilian, and 456 reserve personnel, three Sectors, two Air Stations, a Marine Safety Unit, a Maritime Force Protection Unit, 15 multi-mission small boat stations, four Aids to Navigation Teams, 12 patrol boats, and three Aids to Navigation Cutters. In addition to maintaining operational control over all Coast Guard activities in the district, Rear Admiral Gromlich is responsible for cultivating efficient and effective relationships with numerous other federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, the tribal nations located in the Pacific Northwest, and with the Coast Guard's international counterparts.

As a rotary-wing aviator, Rear Admiral Gromlich's previous operational and command tours of duty include Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Aircraft Repair and Supply Center (ARSC), now the Aviation Logistics Center, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Executive Officer of Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts; and Aeronautical Engineering Officer at Air Station Savannah, Georgia. He also served as the Inventory Manager, Chief of the Logistics Support Branch and Chief of the Engineering and Industrial Support Division at ARSC. Other tours of duty include Air Station North Bend, Oregon; Air Station San Diego, California; and afloat as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the 180-foot buoy tender USCGC Papaw in Charleston, South Carolina.

To supplement his operational background, Rear Admiral Gromlich has substantially improved the Coast Guard's operational readiness and integrated support services system during multiple logistical tours which include prior assignment as the Coast Guard's first Director of Operational Logistics (DOL), Director of the Mission Support Integration Office (DCMS-5), Chief of the Office of Logistics (CG-44), and Director of the Logistics Transformation Program Integration Office (LTPIO).

A native of Milton, Pennsylvania, Rear Admiral Gromlich graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He completed Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida in 1986 and logged more than 3,600 flight hours attaining qualifications as an Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot in the HH-65A/B, and as an Aircraft Commander in the HH-60J. In 1997, he earned a Master of Science in Industrial Administration from Purdue University's Krannert School of Business. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit (four awards), the Meritorious Service

Medal (three awards), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and two Commandant Letters of Commendations.