

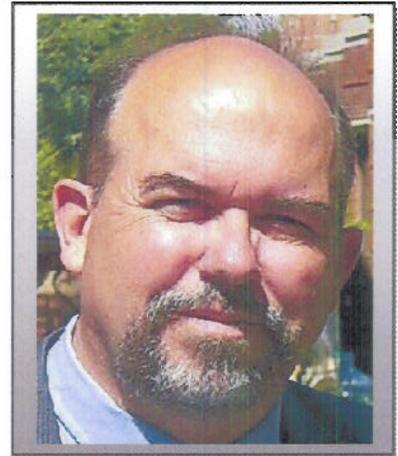


BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

MR. STEPHEN T. LYNCH

Mr. Stephen T. Lynch is the legal assistance attorney for the Ninth Coast Guard District. He provides counsel on a wide range of issues, including consumer disputes, family law, landlord tenant matters, estate planning, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. Clients include more than 6500 Coast Guard personnel and family members located around the Great Lakes. Based in Cleveland, he also provides support to personnel from other branches of the military, including members of the Reserves and Ohio National Guard.



Prior to accepting a civil service position with the Coast Guard in 2001, he provided consulting services on government and international contracting for a private firm based in northern Virginia. Over the course of three years, he worked with federal agencies and large corporations at sites around the U.S. and overseas.

Mr. Lynch served for twenty-one years on active duty in the United States Air Force retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1976, beginning his career as a Russian language student at the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA. He earned his commission as a distinguished graduate of OTS followed by service as a logistics officer at the 42nd Bomb Wing, Loring AFB, ME. After attending law school under the funded legal program, he served in legal (JAG) billets at the 76th Air Lift Division, Andrews AFB, MD; U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, GE; National Security Agency, Ft. Meade, MD; Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH; and 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB, NM, where he served as the staff judge advocate. Degrees include a B.A. and J.D. with honors from the University of Maryland, an M.S. in Systems Management from the University of Southern California, and an LL.M. with highest honors from the George Washington University. Both his J.D. and LL.M. were earned while on active duty. He also holds degrees from the Naval War College and the Air War College. He is an adjunct professor at Case Western Reserve School of Law, and has served as a guest instructor at the Air Force, Army and Navy JAG Schools, and the Ohio Judicial College.

Military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and four Meritorious Service Medals. He has twice earned the ABA Distinguished Service Award for Legal Assistance to Military Personnel, as well as the AMVETS Ohio Outstanding Public Servant Award. Mr. Lynch serves on the advisory board of Statesidelegal.org – a website devoted to veterans and military personnel; and on the board of the Ohio Military/Veterans Legal Assistance Project. In 2013, he was appointed as an Honorary Chief Petty Officer in the Coast Guard.

Mr. Lynch has three adult children. Hobbies include hiking, volunteer work, and travel.