



# Rear Admiral Richard T. Gromlich

*United States Coast Guard*

Director of Operational Logistics



Rear Admiral Richard T. Gromlich assumed the duties of the Coast Guard's first Director of Operational Logistics (DOL) where he is responsible for the delivery of mission support logistics for Coast Guard operations during steady state and contingency response and for planned events of national significance. He will oversee Bases across the United States, establish an operations support planning capability, and build a mission support compliance capability.

Rear Admiral Gromlich reported aboard in April 2011 from Coast Guard Headquarters where he served as the first Director of the Mission Support Integration Office (DCMS-5.) He was responsible for contingency and operational logistics integration, business

transformation, continuous process improvement, and strategic planning efforts across the 17,000 member Coast Guard Mission Support Organization. During his two year tenure Captain Gromlich led contingency logistics operations in support of the Coast Guard's response to the tragic earthquake in Haiti and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

As Chief of the Office of Logistics (CG-44) and Director of the Logistics Transformation Program Integration Office (LTPIO) from 2007 to 2009 he played a critical role in the preliminary design and integration plans associated with the establishment of five new Logistics and Service Centers and led an enterprise-wide logistics transformation project aimed at delivering more efficient, effective and standardized support to the operational community. These efforts have substantially increased the Coast Guard's operational readiness both day-to-day and during major contingency operations, enhancing the Service's ability to rapidly adapt to respond to major events.

Rear Admiral Gromlich reported to Coast Guard Headquarters from the Coast Guard Aircraft Repair and Supply Center (ARSC,) now the Aviation Logistics Center, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina where he was Commanding Officer from 2004 to 2007. In that capacity, he was responsible for the sole industrial complex for the Coast Guard's 200 aircraft supporting all 26 aviation units during Hurricane Katrina.

Rear Admiral Gromlich's previous tours of duty include Executive Officer of Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts -- the third largest physical plant and responsible for waters from New Jersey to the Canadian border -- and Aeronautical Engineering Officer at Air Station Savannah, Georgia, which averages 250 search and rescue cases each year. He also served as the Inventory Manager; Chief of the Logistics Support Branch; and Chief of the Engineering and Industrial Support Division at ARSC; and a tour of duty afloat as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the 180-foot tender *USCGC Papaw* in Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1986, he completed Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida and completed tours of duty at Air Station San Diego, Air Station North Bend, Air Station Savannah, Air Station Cape Cod and the ARSC. During this time he flew more than 3,600 flight hours and attained qualifications as an Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot in the HH-65A/B and as an Aircraft Commander in the HH-60J.

A native of Milton, Pennsylvania, Admiral Gromlich graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. 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 (two awards), three Meritorious Service Medals, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and two Commandant Letters of Commendation.