



## **Vice Admiral John P. Carrier**

*United States Coast Guard*

**Deputy Commandant for Mission Support  
United States Coast Guard**



Vice Admiral John P. Carrier transitioned from Chief of Staff to duties as the Coast Guard's first Deputy Commandant for Mission Support (DCMS). He is responsible for all facets of support of the Coast Guard's diverse mission set through oversight of human capital, lifecycle engineering, acquisition, telecommunications, and information technology.

VADM Carrier hails from Westbrook, Maine and was commissioned in the U. S. Coast Guard after graduating from Officers' Candidate School in 1976. Upon completion of Naval Flight Training, he was designated a Coast Guard Aviator in 1977. A graduate of the University of Southern Maine, he holds a Masters in Business from Embry-Riddle University. He is a 1996 graduate of the U. S. Air Force Air War College in Montgomery, Alabama. He holds Level III Acquisition Program Manager Certification.



VADM Carrier's previous assignments have included duty at six Coast Guard Air Stations. He was designated an Aeronautical Engineer in 1982 and served as Engineering Officer at three units. Other assignments have included Deputy Program Manager (Engineering) for the U. S. Coast Guard HH-60J and Navy HH-60H joint helicopter acquisition at the Naval Air Systems Command. VADM Carrier commanded Air Station Detroit, Michigan from 1996 through 1998. He served as Chief of Search and Rescue Operations and Director of Auxiliary for the Ninth Coast Guard District (Great Lakes) from 1998 through 2001. He then commanded Air Station Miami, the world's busiest air-sea search and rescue unit, from August 2001 through June 2003. Subsequently, he served as Pacific Area Chief of Operations, and then as Area Chief of Staff.

Promoted to Flag rank in 2005 VADM Carrier served as Assistant Commandant for Acquisition at Coast Guard Headquarters, then as Commander of the Coast Guard's Thirteenth District in the Pacific Northwest. He assumed the duties of the Coast Guard's Chief of Staff in 2009.

VADM Carrier's awards include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal and others.

VADM Carrier is a veteran aviator with over 6000 flight hours in Coast Guard and Navy fixed and rotary wing aircraft. His professional recognition includes the Harmon International Aviation Trophy, the Alaska Air Command SAR Pilot of the Year Award, American Helicopter Society, Fredrick L. Feinberg Award and the Naval Helicopter Association SAR Aircrew of the Year, all awarded for rescue operations.