



Rear Admiral Mark E. Butt

United States Coast Guard

Assistant Commandant for Capability



As the Assistant Commandant for Capability (CG-7), Rear Admiral Mark E. Butt is responsible for identifying and providing service-wide capabilities, competencies, and capacity; and for developing standards for the staffing, training, equipping, sustaining, maintaining, and employing Coast Guard forces to meet mission requirements.

Rear Admiral Mark Butt previously served as director of the Mission Support Integration Office (DCMS-5) where he was responsible for strategic planning, integration, business transformation, and continuous process improvement across the 17,000 member Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Mission Support (DCMS) organization.

Prior to reporting to Coast Guard Headquarters, Rear Adm. Butt transformed fleet logistics in the largest reorganization in Coast Guard history for all U.S. Coast Guard surface forces, including over 200 cutters and over 1,800 boats, as commanding officer of the Surface Forces Logistics Center (SFLC). On his watch maintenance costs decreased 20 percent and small boat downtime waiting for parts to arrive decreased 57 percent. Under his leadership the new product line organization delivered unprecedented support for the Haiti earthquake response and Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He also ensured the center passed a comprehensive check of its \$72 million parts inventory, enabling a clean audit of operating materials and supplies for the first time in recent history.

In January 2009 Rear Adm. Butt became the first commanding officer of the Asset Project Office (APO) in Baltimore, MD with responsibility for delivering new capability to field operating units that meets operational requirements with the proper equipment, training and field-level support infrastructure for sustainment over the asset's lifecycle at a desirable cost.

As chief of the Office of Aeronautical Engineering at Coast Guard Headquarters he managed all aspects of the support program for the Coast Guard's aviation fleet of over 200 aircraft. In this role, he developed and deployed the upgraded HH-65C helicopter and supported all Coast Guard aviation units affecting air rescues day-to-day and more than 12,500 during Hurricane Katrina.

Rear Adm. Butt's operational tours include the dual role of commander of Group Humboldt Bay and commanding officer of Air Station Humboldt Bay where he was responsible for all Coast Guard missions on 250 miles of remote, rugged Northern California coastline stretching south from Oregon. He also served as commanding officer Air Station Detroit Michigan, executive officer, HH65 product line division chief, and HH-65B project engineer at the USCG Aviation Repair and Supply Center in Elizabeth City, NC.

Upon graduating from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in May 1982, Rear Adm. Butt served as operations officer aboard USCGC SUNDEW in Duluth, Minnesota. He reported for flight training at Naval Air Station Pensacola in 1984 and was designated Coast Guard Aviator No. 2397. He had operational tours flying the HH-65A at Air Stations Borinquen, Puerto Rico, Astoria, OR and Port Angeles, WA.

A native of Hartley, IA, Rear Adm. Butt holds a Master of Science in Aeronautical Structures from Purdue University. His military awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medals (three awards), the Air Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal (two awards), Coast Guard Achievement Medal (two awards), and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He and his wife Francine, a Duluth, MN native, were married in 1983 and have two grown children, daughter Evelyn and son Andrew.