

Rear Admiral Charles W. Ray United States Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Charles W. Ray assumed duties of the District Commander of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District located in Honolulu, Hawaii in October 2010.

Prior to reporting to the Fourteenth District, Rear Admiral Ray served with United States Forces Iraq (USF-I). He was assigned as the Director of the Iraq Training and Advisory Mission for the Ministry of Interior (ITAM-MOI) and was responsible for leading advising efforts across all functions for the largest ministry in the government of Iraq. RADM Ray's first flag assignment was serving as the Military Advisor to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. In that position, RADM Ray provided counsel and support to the Secretary in affairs relating to the coordination and execution of policy and operations between DHS and DOD.

Rear Admiral Ray is from Newport, Arkansas and is a 1981 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy. After an assignment as a deck watch officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter ACUSHNET (WMEC-167), he was selected for Naval Flight Training and earned his wings in 1983. Rear Admiral Ray has served at six Coast Guard Air Stations from Alaska to the Caribbean. He was designated an Aeronautical Engineer in 1988 and has served as Engineering Officer at three stations and at the Aviation Logistics Center as the Program Manager for the development of the Coast Guard's Aviation Logistics Management System. He commanded Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen, Puerto Rico from 2002 through 2005. During the course of his career he accumulated over 5000 hours of helicopter flight time.

RADM Ray's staff assignments include a tour as Chief of the Office of Performance Management at Coast Guard Headquarters followed by a tour as the Chief of Staff of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District

Rear Admiral Ray earned a Master's of Science Degree in Industrial Administration from Purdue University and a Master's of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.

Rear Admiral Ray's personal awards include three Legion of Merit Medals, one Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, one Coast Guard Air Medal, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.