



## **Vice Admiral Brian M. Salerno** *United States Coast Guard*



**Deputy Commandant for Operations**

**Vice Admiral Brian M. Salerno became the Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, in May 2010. He oversees the strategic integration of operational missions and the optimization of policy development and mission execution consistent with the Services' national priorities.**

**Prior to assuming his current position, Vice Admiral Salerno was the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship. He has also served as the Assistant Commandant for Policy and Planning, and as the Director of Inspections and Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters.**

**In his roles as Assistant Commandant, Vice Admiral Salerno was responsible for developing and promulgating national marine safety, security and environmental protection doctrine, policy, and regulations, as well as ensuring policy alignment throughout the Coast Guard and among federal and international partners. In addition, he led and oversaw the important work of numerous federal advisory committees, industry/stakeholder partnerships, and international delegations on marine safety, security, and environmental protection.**

**Vice Admiral Salerno was commissioned as an Ensign in December 1976 after attending Coast Guard Officer Candidate School. His assignments have predominantly been within the Coast Guard's marine safety program. He commanded units in Boston, MA and San Juan, PR, in which he served simultaneously as Captain of the Port; Officer-in-Charge, Marine Inspection; Federal On-Scene Coordinator for oil and hazardous materials releases in the coastal zone; and following the enactment of the Maritime Transportation Security Act, as Federal Maritime Security Coordinator. Other field assignments include units in Baltimore, MD; Port Arthur, TX; Portland, ME; and marine safety advisor to Panama Canal Authority.**

**Vice Admiral Salerno is a 2000 graduate of the U.S. Army War College, with a Masters in Strategic Studies. He is also a graduate of the Naval War College non-resident program, and holds a Master's Degree in Management from the Johns Hopkins University. He is licensed as a master of small passenger vessels.**

**His personal military decorations include three Legion of Merit Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.**

