



Rear Admiral James E. Rendon



Director Joint Interagency Task Force West United States Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Rendon assumed his current duties as Director, Joint Interagency Task Force West (JIATF West) in April 2012. A standing Joint Task Force, JIATF West is the U.S. Pacific Command's executive agent for planning and conducting counter-drug strategy in an area of operations covering over 105 million square miles.

Prior to his assignment as Director of JIATF West, Rear Admiral Rendon served as Assistant Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy and as the Superintendent's direct representative to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Academy. Prior to his assignment at the Coast Guard Academy, Rear Admiral Rendon served as Director of Staff to the Vice Commandant.

Rear Admiral Rendon is a surface operations specialist with a diverse list of assignments over his 28-year Coast Guard officer career. He served as Commander, Sector Northern New England, in Portland Maine, as well, Chief of Response, Fifth Coast Guard District, in Portsmouth Virginia.

Rear Admiral Rendon is a cutterman with afloat tours as Deck Watch Officer aboard DURABLE, a 210-foot cutter homeported in Brownsville, Texas; Executive Officer aboard the Patrol Boat OCRACOKE, in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico; and Commanding Officer of the Surface Effect Ship PETREL, in Key West, Florida. Other operational ashore assignments consist of staff-adviser, Seventh Coast Guard District Intelligence and Law Enforcement Branch in Miami, Florida, Operations Officer, Group Key West, as well as Commander, Coast Guard Group Mayport, in Northeast Florida.

Rear Admiral Rendon served as Aide de Camp to the 20th Commandant of the Coast Guard. He also completed a Congressional Fellowship in our Nation's Capitol, where he worked for the House of Representatives, Government Reform Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, followed by a two-year assignment as Drug Policy Advisor to the Speaker of the House.

Rear Admiral Rendon's personal awards include a Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (6), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (3), Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and a variety of other unit awards and service ribbons. He is authorized to wear the Cutterman's Insignia and the Boat Force Operations Insignia.

A graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1983, Rear Admiral Rendon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois. He also completed study at the National War College, Class of 2005, where he earned a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rendon, Jr. of San Antonio, Texas, Rear Admiral Rendon is one of four family members who have served as officers in the U.S. Coast Guard. He is married to the former Felicitas Treviño of Rockville, Maryland. They have two daughters, Kristina Marie and Katherine Nicole.