

# U.S. Coast Guard



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## Commandant's Change of Command

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May 29, 1998



Admiral Robert and Patricia Kramek

## Sequence of Events

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### Change of Command Ceremony

Arrival of the Official Party

Arrival Honors

Presentation of the Colors and National Anthem

Invocation

Inspection of the Honor Platoon

Remarks of General Joseph W. Ralston, USAF  
Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Remarks of the Honorable Rodney E. Slater  
Secretary of Transportation

Remarks and Orders  
Admiral Robert E. Kramek

Gun Salute

Orders  
Admiral James M. Loy

Relief of Command

Gun Salute

Remarks  
Admiral James M. Loy

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### Retirement Ceremony

Presentations

The Passing of the Sword

Benediction

Retirement of the Colors

Semper Paratus

Departure of the Official Party



**The Service Chiefs.** Joining with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and fellow service chiefs at V-J Day events in Hawaii in 1995.



**A Proponent of Jointness.** Vice Admiral Reason, Secretary Perry, Secretary Peña and Admiral Kramek sign the first SECDEF/SECDEF Memorandum of Agreement assigning specific defense missions to the Coast Guard in October 1995.

June 1, 1994  
Admiral Kramek relieves Admiral Kime as Commandant.

As part of the effort to reinvent government and reduce the federal deficit, the Coast Guard undertakes Streamlining.

Cutters and port security units deploy to Haiti to assist in **Operation Uphold Democracy.**

The Coast Guard receives the Department of Transportation Gold Medal for operations in 1994.

**Operation Able Manner** rescues thousands of Haitian migrants at sea.

**Operation Able Vigil:** More than 37,000 Cuban migrants are rescued by the Coast Guard; 34 cutters and 30 aircraft were involved.

The launchings of the CGC Juniper and Ida Lewis introduce two new classes of buoytenders.

Work begins on the Coast Guard's new 87-foot coastal patrol boats.

Coast Guard units participate in enforcing the United Nations sanctions in the Persian Gulf and Red Sea.

**Leadership in a National Crisis.** Directing the initial federal response effort to TWA 800, Admiral Kramek assesses progress with Coast Guard search operations of Moriches, N.Y. in July 1996.



**Operation Able Vigil — Mass Migration of Cuba.** Admiral Kramek and then-Atlantic Area Commander Vice Admiral Loy brief the media in August 1994 on the Coast Guard's massive afloat response to the sudden exodus of thousands of Cuban migrants.



**Achieving Diplomatic Success.** Admiral Kramek and Russian Federal Border Service Director General Nikolayev sign the Memorandum of Understanding in October 1995 for cooperation between U.S. and Russian forces on combined law enforcement, search and rescue, and protection of the marine environment.



**A Steward of Marine Safety and the Environment.** Admiral Kramek meets with response team personnel as a major oil spill off Rhode Island is brought under control in January 1996.



**Teammates in the War on Drugs.** Admiral Kramek joins with Congressman McCollum and federal law enforcement agency heads in Puerto Rico in 1997 for a progress hearing on the war on drugs in the Caribbean.

The CGC Gallatin is the first cutter to join the CINCEUR and NATO Baltic Operations.

Active, Reserve and Auxiliary units respond to massive flooding on Western Rivers.

The CGC Healy, the service's newest and largest icebreaker is launched.

The Leadership Development Center of Excellence opens.

New advances in Marine Safety are implemented — Prevention Through People, Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, and International Safety Management.

**Operation Frontier Shield**, the largest counternarcotics operation in Coast Guard history, begins in the Caribbean.

Admiral Kramek receives the Meritorious Service Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Coast Guard units set a record in 1997 for the highest number of cocaine seizures in the service's history.

**Thanking Coast Guard People.**

Admiral Kramek holds an all hands meeting with the crew of the Cutter CAMPBELL.



**Presidential Recognition.** Vice Admiral Rufe, Secretary Slater, ONDCP Director McCaffrey and Admiral Kramek receive honors as President Clinton commends the Coast Guard in 1997.



**The President's Interdiction Coordinator.** Admiral Kramek briefs President Clinton on historic drug seizure successes in 1997.



## Admiral Robert E. Kramek

Admiral Robert E. Kramek is the 20th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. He is both a Surface Operations Specialist and Naval Engineer with extensive service in all regions including the Atlantic, Pacific, Caribbean and Alaska. In addition, Admiral Kramek has been appointed by the President to be the U.S. Interdiction Coordinator for the National Drug Control Program.

Admiral Kramek's previous assignments include Chief of Staff of the U.S. Coast Guard and command of two Coast Guard Districts, the 13th District in the Pacific Northwest and the 7th District in the Southeast U. S. and Caribbean. While Seventh District Commander, he was also assigned as the Regional Drug Interdiction Coordinator and the head of the Haitian Migration Task Force. He has also commanded the Coast Guard Base at Governors Island, NY and the High Endurance Cutter MIDGETT.

Under Admiral Kramek's leadership the Coast Guard has saved over 19,500 lives and \$9 billion in property; interdicted 75,000 migrants including 56,000 Cubans and Haitians during the mass migration of 1994 and intercepted over 482,000 pounds of illegal drugs before they reached our shores. He has initiated major improvements in maritime safety, navigation and protection of America's Exclusive Economic Zone, the largest in the world. He initiated extensive partnerships and bilateral agreements with the Maritime Industry and Foreign Nations that have resulted in major improvements in safety and national security.

He graduated with honors from the USCG Academy with a B.S. in Engineering in 1961. Admiral Kramek attended post graduate schools at the University of Michigan, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Alaska. He has received Master of Science Degrees in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Management. He also attended the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI and graduated with Highest Distinction. Admiral Kramek was selected for Flag rank in 1986. After selection for Flag rank, he completed the "Capstone" Program at the National Defense University Institute of Higher Defense Studies. He has also been honored as the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's Distinguished Alumni, U.S. Naval War Colleges Distinguished Alumni, received the Reserve Officers Association Minuteman Hall of Fame award and the NAACP Meritorious Service Award.

The Admiral's awards include the Transportation Distinguished Service Medal, two Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medals, two Legion of Merit awards, the Meritorious Service Medal, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Unit Commendations, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Special Operations Ribbon with silver star, the Humanitarian Service Medal with bronze star, and the Sea Service Ribbon with bronze star.

Admiral Kramek is a physical fitness enthusiast. He is married to the former Patricia Havard of Washington, DC. They have four children: Tracy, Joseph, Suzanne, and Nancy.



## Admiral James M. Loy

Admiral James M. Loy has been nominated to be the 21st Commandant of the United States Coast Guard. Admiral Loy has just completed an assignment as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Coast Guard. In this position he was also the Commanding Officer of U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters.

Admiral Loy returned to Coast Guard Headquarters in 1996 after serving as the Commander, Atlantic Area and Commander, U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic from June 1994 until June 1996.

As Atlantic Area Commander, he planned, coordinated and directed inter-district operations and was responsible for the conduct of Coast Guard operations throughout 2.4 million square miles of land and water. This area spanned 39 states from the Canadian border to the Caribbean, and everything east of the Rocky Mountains. As the Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic Commander, he provided a fully integrated, exportable Coast Guard/Navy command-and-control network for the defense of ports, harbors and coastal waters up to 200 miles off-shore.

The Admiral was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania and entered the Coast Guard in 1964 following graduation from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Engineering. He has commanded three Coast Guard Cutters including the POINT LOMAS on 43 combat patrols in Vietnam; CGC VALIANT, homeported in Galveston, Texas and CGC MIDGETT homeported in San Francisco, California. He has also served as Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, Louisiana; Chief, Operations Division, Atlantic Area; Executive Assistant to the Commandant, Admiral Paul A. Yost; instructor at the Coast Guard Academy; and Chief of Officer Candidate School. Before assuming his duties as Commander, Atlantic Area and Commander, U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic, he was Chief, Office of Personnel and Training at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Admiral Loy attended post graduate school at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut and the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, Rhode Island, earning a Masters degree in History/Government and Public Administration. He attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, DC. He was also an intern at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Admiral's awards include four Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medals, the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merit awards, the Bronze Star with Combat "V", the Meritorious Service Medal, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and other unit and campaign awards.

Admiral Loy and his wife, the former Kay McGirk, have two children: Kelly Loy Morf of Cary, North Carolina and Michael, a Coast Guard Lieutenant stationed in New Orleans, Louisiana.