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REAR ADMIRAL PETER V. COLMAR
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Rear Admiral Peter Vincent Colmar, the Commander, 13th Coast Guard District, was born on July 17, 1908 at Sodus, N. Y. He was graduated from high school at Newark, N. Y., in 1925 and entered the U. S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., in August 1926.

Graduated and commissioned an Ensign on May 15, 1929, he subsequently was promoted in rank as follows: Lieutenant (jg), May 15, 1931; Lieutenant, May 15, 1933; Lieutenant Commander, June 26, 1942; Commander, September 15, 1942; Captain, August 5, 1949; and Rear Admiral, February 1, 1959.

From July, 1929 to August 1931, he was assigned to the duties of watch officer aboard the Cutter MODOC stationed at Wilmington, N. C., then was given command of the CG-214, a 75-foot patrol boat stationed at New York City with a Coast Guard Intelligence Unit. In August 1933 he was assigned as instructor in radio and engineering at the Coast Guard Academy where he remained until June, 1937. He then moved to the Cutter GALATEA stationed at New York City to serve a year as her executive officer.

In June 1938 he was assigned to post-graduate studies in electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In June 1941 he received both a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree in electrical engineering, and was forthwith assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters as Chief, Radio-Radar Section in the Electronics Engineering Division.

From May to August 1945, he performed temporary duty aboard the troop transport USS GENERAL W. H. GORDON (AP-117), which was engaged in carrying troops home from the European theatre of war, and then was assigned to the Coast Guard Academy to serve as instructor for the next five years.

In August 1950 he was transferred to the Cutter DUANE, and the following November was designated her commanding officer. On a reassignment in January, 1952, he became Chief, Engineering Division of the 14th Coast Guard District at Honolulu, Hawaii.

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In August 1955, he reported at Coast Guard Headquarters to assume the duties of Chief, Electronic Engineering Division. Some two years later, in June 1957, he was assigned to the 13th Coast Guard District as Chief of Staff.

While serving in Seattle, he was nominated for the rank of Rear Admiral. The Senate confirmed this nomination on August 12, 1958. Shortly thereafter he was transferred to the Fifth Coast Guard District at Norfolk, Va.

Admiral Colmar assumed command of the 13th Coast Guard District with offices in Seattle on July 18, 1961.

Admiral Colmar is married to the former Marjorie Howard Alton of Manchester, Conn. They have two young children.

He is a senior member, Institute of Radio Engineers, a member of the American Society of Naval Engineers, and an associate, Society of Sigma Xi.

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