



Vice Admiral Terry M. Cross



Vice Commandant, 2004-2006
US Coast Guard



Terry Cross assumed the duties as Vice Commandant of the United States Coast Guard from July 2004 until June 2006. He served as the Coast Guard's second in command and was the Agency Acquisition Executive.

Prior to his assignment as Vice Commandant, he served as Commander, Pacific Area. VADM Cross was responsible for all Coast Guard operations west of the Rocky Mountains and throughout the Pacific Basin to the Far East, an area encompassing over 73 million square miles. Under his leadership, Pacific Area units established the first Coast Guard maritime intelligence fusion center, participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Liberty Shield, and set new records for illegal drug seizures.

VADM Cross previously served as the Assistant Commandant for Operations, where he was responsible for management oversight of all Coast Guard operating programs, including maritime safety, law enforcement, intelligence, and national defense. He initiated the Coast Guards' Maritime Domain Awareness initiative, succeeded in gaining Coast Guard formal membership in the Intelligence Community and led efforts that rapidly supported the Coast Guard's Homeland Security Strategy, including the development of deployable Maritime Safety and Security Teams.

Cross' other flag assignments included service as Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District; Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District and Director of Operations Policy at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Previous operational assignments service as a Deck Watch Officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter McCulloch, Operations Officer of Air Station Cape Cod, Mass., and Commanding Officer of Air Station San Francisco, Calif. Staff assignments included service as the Chief of Staff, Atlantic Area; Chief, Office of Programs; Chief, Office of Budget; and Chief, Office of Acquisition Resource Management at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Cross graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1970 with a BS degree in Engineering. He also earned a master's degree in Industrial Administration from Purdue University's Krannert School of Management and is a graduate of the National War College.

Vice Admiral Cross retired on 1 August 2006.

