



## Rear Admiral James D. Hull Director of Operations Policy United States Coast Guard



Rear Admiral James D. Hull assumed the duties of Director of Operations Policy December 2, 1996, after 16 months of service in the Seventh District as Chief of Operations and then Chief of Staff. Rear Admiral Hull is a surface operations and management specialist with experience in the Atlantic, the Pacific and Caribbean.

A native of North Ridgeville, Ohio, Rear Admiral Hull earned a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned an Ensign at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut in 1969.

Rear Admiral Hull's first assignment was aboard the 378-foot, San Francisco, California based Cutter *RUSH*. Patrolling off the coast of Vietnam, *RUSH* was responsible for sinking two vessels being used to smuggle arms and ammunition into South Vietnam. Rear Admiral Hull's most recent command at sea was as skipper of the 378-foot Governor's Island, New York based Cutter *DALLAS*. While commanding *DALLAS* in the Caribbean he was responsible for directing the efforts of CTU 44.7, a task unit of cutters and aircraft patrolling of the coast of Haiti. Rear Admiral Hull's other assignments afloat include: Executive Officer, and later Commanding Officer of the Cutter *RED BIRCH* and Commanding Officer of the Cutter *ALERT*. During his tours at sea, Rear Admiral Hull was actively involved in fisheries law enforcement, counter narcotics operations, illegal migrant interdiction and maintenance of aids to navigation. Rear Admiral Hull's seagoing career culminated when he took the Cutter *DALLAS* to Europe to participate in the celebration commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the invasion of Normandy.



Rear Admiral Hull was an assistant professor of mathematics at the Coast Guard Academy from 1974 until 1978. He was also the academy class of 1978 advisor and was an assistant Dean of Academics for one year. His other shore assignments include: Branch Chief for Programming, Planning, and Budgeting for the Training and Education Division at Coast Guard Headquarters; Branch Chief for the Coast Guard Budget Execution and Analysis Branch in the Coast Guard Chief of Staff's office; Assistant Chief and later Chief of Congressional and Governmental Affairs; and more recently as the Executive Director for the U.S. Interdiction Coordinator working directly for the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Rear Admiral Hull earned a Masters Degree in Operations Research and Statistics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York; a Masters of Business Administration from the University of New Haven, Connecticut; and is a graduate of the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Rear Admiral Hull's awards include: three Legion of Merit Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", a Coast Guard Commendation Medal, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, a Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon, and a Combat Action Ribbon.

Rear Admiral is married to the former Judith Ferris of East Hartford, Connecticut. They are the proud parents of two children: Jason and Jessica.