



Rear Admiral Robert E. Sloncen
Senior Reserve Officer,
Coast Guard Pacific Area



Rear Admiral Robert E. Sloncen assumed duties as Senior Reserve Officer, Coast Guard Pacific Area and Deputy Commander, U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Sector Northern California on August 1, 1992, simultaneously with his promotion to flag rank.

Commissioned from Officer Candidate School in June 1962, Rear Admiral Sloncen served as Operations Officer and Executive Officer at Group Sabine, Sabine, Texas. Following his release from active duty in June 1965, he was assigned to Western Reserve Training Schools at Alameda, California, where he taught at the Port Security School.

Rear Admiral Sloncen served as Commanding Officer at various Reserve units for 18 years. Past commands include Coast Guard Reserve Unit Phoenix, Coast Guard Reserve Unit San Diego, and Coast Guard Reserve Group San Diego. He also commissioned two units: Coast Guard Reserve Unit WPB San Diego and Coast Guard Reserve Unit Maritime Defense Zone Sector Southern California. He has served on numerous boards and special assignments at Coast Guard Headquarters and the Eleventh Coast Guard District.



From June 1994 through August 1994, Rear Admiral Sloncen served as Chief, Office of Readiness and Reserve, United States Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC. He was the first Coast Guard Senior Reserve Officer to hold that position. He has served as senior member of the Coast Guard Reserve Policy Board and is currently a member of the Reserve Forces Policy Board.

A 1962 graduate of Arizona State University, Rear Admiral Sloncen performed post graduate work at Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University. He also completed the National War College Reserve Components National Security Course and the Army War College Senior Reserve Components Officer Course. His decorations include the Legion of Merit and two Coast Guard Commendation Medals.

In civilian life Rear Admiral Sloncen is employed as an administrator for Hyder School District in Dateland, Arizona. He resides in Yuma, Arizona with his wife, the former Jill L. Thompson. They have two daughters, Tracey and Stephanie.

 2 LEGION OF MERIT

Born in Glenview, IL in 1939 but moved to Phoenix, AZ 2 weeks after the end of WWII. Graduated from Brophy College Prep in 1957. Was a 4 year letterman in baseball and basketball and was Student Body Vice President his senior year. He then attended Arizona State University . Upon graduation he attended USCG Officer Candidate School in Yorktown , VA and was commissioned in June 1962. His first duty station was USCG Group Sabine in Sabine, TX. There he served as operations officer for one year then fleeted up to Executive Officer for his final 2 years there.

He left Sabine and immediately proceeded to Alameda, CA where he taught Port Security at the Western Reserve Training Schools for 3 months. When he returned to Phoenix in September of 1965 he joined the local USCG Reserve Unit. After serving in a multitude of officer positions in 1973 he became Commanding Officer of Reserve Unit Phoenix. He remained in that position for 5 years. During that period of time he and his team began the Colorado River Patrol at Lake Havasu and the Parker Strip in western Arizona. This became a totally Reserve operation from April until October for many years.

In his civilian life he has been a teacher, coach, bus driver, administrator and now consultant for the pass 47 years at Hyder School District in Arizona. He has served on the SW Arizona Futures Forum Board, Yuma Catholic High School Board, St. Francis Elementary School Board, AEA Federal Credit Union Board, and was Brophy Prep Alumni President.

He is a member of the "Arizona Rural Schools Hall of Fame", "Yuma County Educational Hall of Fame", " Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame" and " 2001 Yuma County Citizen of the Year".

He resides in Wellton, AZ with his wife , the former Jill L. Thompson a retired teacher and retired YN1 USCGR. They have two daughters Tracey and Stephanie along with 7 grandchildren.