



VICE ADMIRAL HOWARD B. THORSEN

Vice Admiral Howard B. Thorsen assumed the duties of Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area and U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic on 31 March 1989, after a one-year assignment as Chief, Office of Law Enforcement and Defense Operations at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Prior to that, he served for two years as Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District and Coordinator, Southeast Region National Narcotics Border Interdiction System Miami, Florida. He was selected for Rear Admiral in 1984 and was Chief, Office of Research and Development at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. (1984-86).

Vice Admiral Thorsen was Chief of Staff, Fifth Coast Guard District, Portsmouth, Virginia (1983-84); Commandant of Cadets at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut (1980-83); Chief, Aeronautical Engineering Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, (1977-80) and Distinguished Graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (1977). He commanded Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas (1975-76).

Vice Admiral Thorsen served in the Office of Aeronautical Engineering Division (1972-75) after service at the Coast Guard Academy (1969-72). His aviation assignments include Coast Guard Air Stations Brooklyn, New York (1967-69); Los Angeles, California (1965-67); San Diego, California (1962-65) and Argentia, Newfoundland (1958-61).

Vice Admiral Thorsen graduated from the Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1955. Following a tour aboard Cutter INGHAM (1955-57) he attended flight schools at Naval Air Station Pensacola (1957-58) and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (1958).

His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Air Medal and Coast Guard Commendation Medal (two awards).

Vice Admiral Thorsen is married to the former Marlyn Nitsche of New London, Connecticut. They have two married daughters, Tracey and Suzanne.

