



Vice Admiral Peter V. Neffenger *United States Coast Guard*



Deputy Commandant for Operations

Vice Admiral Peter Neffenger is the U. S. Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Operations, responsible for establishing and providing operational strategy, policy, guidance and resources as needed to meet national priorities for Coast Guard missions, programs and services.

Previous flag assignments were Director of Strategic Management and Doctrine, Deputy National Incident Commander for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill – the largest and most complex oil spill in the nation’s history – and as Commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District, where he oversaw Coast Guard operations throughout the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence Seaway region.



A native of Elyria, Ohio, Vice Admiral Neffenger was commissioned in 1982 at Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Virginia, and has had a diverse career of operational and staff assignments in emergency response, commercial maritime industry oversight and general maritime law enforcement. Of note, he commanded Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles – Long Beach, CA, where he was the Captain of the Port and Federal Maritime Security Coordinator; served as a Coast Guard Fellow to the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee; as the Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the Territory of American Samoa; as engineer on U.S. Coast Guard Cutter GALLATIN (WHEC721); and as Chief of the Office of Budget and Programs at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC.

Vice Admiral Neffenger has earned three Master’s degrees: in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island; in Public Administration from Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government; and in Business Management from Central Michigan University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.

Vice Admiral Neffenger has received numerous military and civic awards, including recognition by the Department of Homeland Security for his leadership during the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.