



All Hands Messages

Nomination of Next Commandant

To the Men and Women of the United States Coast Guard:

I am pleased to announce that the President of the United States, upon recommendation from the Secretary of Homeland Security, has nominated VADM Robert J. Papp Jr. for appointment as the 24th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate. I have already extended my heartfelt congratulations to VADM Papp and I look forward to close personal and staff coordination over the next five months as we prepare for the Commandant's Change of Command on May 25th, 2010.

We need to be capable of continually adapting to our environment and managing new circumstances – this is a principle tenet of our Modernization efforts. Leadership transition is one such change and we must each take ownership in making change possible.

Times of transition offer new prospects. I have known and worked with VADM Papp for many years and have every confidence in his leadership and ability. Your future and the future of the Coast Guard will be in excellent hands.

Semper Paratus!

Admiral Thad Allen
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

