

Rear Admiral Arthur E. (Gene) Brooks

United States Coast Guard(Retired)

Senior Director, Technical Organization, Maersk Line, Limited
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Senior Director, Technical Organization, Maersk Line, Limited, Norfolk, Virginia (5/24/10—6/15/14) Responsible for daily operating activities of a diverse fleet of over fifty-six ships in international trade. Responsible for engineering management, cost control, budgets in excess of \$500M, and a large staff of technical/operating personnel. Also responsible for day-to-day interactions with flag states, as well as federal and state regulatory agencies. Interacted with senior level international authorities in the development and implementation of policy regarding safety and maritime security.

Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area and Deputy, Coast Guard Defense Force East, Portsmouth, Virginia (2009-2010). Deputy operational commander for all U.S. Coast Guard missions within the eastern half of the world, ranging from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf. Atlantic Area's area of responsibility includes five Coast Guard Districts, 42 states with over 14 million square miles, and more than 51,000 military and civilian employees and Auxiliarists. He concurrently served as Deputy Commander, Defense Force East, providing Coast Guard mission support to the Department of Defense and Combatant Commanders. RADM Brooks retired from the Coast Guard on 1 July 2010.

Commander, Coast Guard District Seventeen, Juneau, Alaska (2006-09). Directed Coast Guard operations including search and rescue, maritime safety, environmental protection, fisheries law enforcement, and military readiness within Alaska and the North Pacific. Units and personnel under his command patrolled over 3.8 million square miles of ocean and 33,000 miles of coastline, including some of the most treacherous waters in the world. Patrolled an even larger area of the North Pacific, the Chukchi Sea, the Beaufort Sea and the Arctic Ocean to stop illegal, unregulated, unreported fishing. Over 4,000 search and rescue cases, over 1200 lives saved, over 2,500 people assisted. Coordinated federal, state, industry, and local programs that dramatically reduced the death in the “Deadliest Catch” while defending the Bering Sea maritime boundary line from foreign poaching. Envisioned and led the Coast Guard Arctic initiative, preparing the nation to face the issues of climate change in an opening Arctic.

Rear Admiral Brooks was promoted to Flag in 2004 and was appointed as the **Deputy Director for Operations, U.S. Northern Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado (2004-06)**. During this assignment, Rear Admiral Brooks was responsible for providing strategic planning and execution guidance for Homeland Defense and Defense Support to Civil Authorities missions. Specific emphasis on ballistic missile defense, special operations, current and future operations planning, anti-terrorism/force protection, mobile command and control, DoD preparations for domestic terrorism, WMD or mass casualty events, support to the Border Patrol and other DHS agencies on the Southwest and Northern borders. Significant operations included DoD support to national wildfires, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the National Capitol Region, and National Special Security Events.

Chief of Staff, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, Fifth Coast Guard District, and Maritime Defense Zone, Atlantic, Portsmouth, Virginia (2002-2004). Responsible for coordinating the staff and carrying out all Coast Guard missions in the Eastern United States, Atlantic, Caribbean, South America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. Achievements include operationalizing the Homeland Security mission while balancing all traditional Coast Guard missions. For the first time since the Vietnam Conflict, prepared and deployed Coast Guard expeditionary forces for combat overseas (Operation Iraqi Freedom). For the first time since World War II, conducted full-function military outloads in support of Operation Noble Eagle. Coordination required with many aspects of federal, state and local governments. Chairman, Coast Guard Field Architecture Team—designing the Coast Guard field structure in the new Department of Homeland Security (DHS Regions).

Commander, Coast Guard Greater Antilles Section, San Juan, Puerto Rico (2000-02). Operational Commander for all Coast Guard missions in Eastern Caribbean (Dominican Republic to the Coast of South America) & Southeast Atlantic. Supervised Air Station Borinquen, Marine Safety Office San Juan (SJ), Base SJ, Station SJ, Aids to Navigation Team SJ, 6 110 Patrol Boats, USCG Reserve, & CG Auxiliary. Supervised & supported multiple aircraft & cutters temporarily assigned to the Area of Responsibility in support of national counterdrug and immigration efforts--including US Navy & foreign combatants, WHEC/WMEC/WPB & USCG A/C--total 1200 personnel. Virtual member

of 4 US Embassy Country Teams, liaised with 14 Caribbean Heads of State, Gov/ Exec Br of PR, Fed Agency Heads in PR, C-in-C South, JIATF East, & DoD. Provided Coast Guard support to the U. S. Navy training on the contentious Vieques bombing range. Threaded the difficult needle of keeping the range clear, maintaining safety on the water, all while collaborating and working with the variety of Puerto Rican agencies, including the Governor's office, who opposed the exercises. With interagency partners seized 62,371 lbs of cocaine, 62,406 lbs of marijuana, 38 lbs of heroin, and 44 vessels in 62 cases. Total value of drugs seized exceeded \$634M. 785 search and rescue cases with 216 lives saved, 921 people assisted and \$32.5M in property saved.

Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut (1997-2000). Chief, Cadet Division & Commanding Officer of Cadets; principle officer accession point for the Coast Guard. Responsible for standards, welfare, morale, discipline, safety, & professional/military development of about 900 cadets. Span of control included 4 yr. leadership & character development program, honor program, human relations program; 4 yr. professional training sequence encompassing nautical science program, occupational training & indoctrination programs & all cadet summer training, both ashore & afloat; oversight of waterfront infrastructure & seamanship/sailing pgms-125 boats/intercollegiate sailing programs, Barque EAGLE, & Ship Control & Navigation Simulators (SCANTS). Significant accomplishments included revitalizing a collapsed military program by emphasizing basics, grounded in honor, respect, and devotion to duty. Addressed significant problems with alcohol abuse with an across the Academy initiative that encompassed the faculty, coaches, and staff. Built the strongest gender relations program at any service academy with the Sexual Assault Task Force; dramatically reduced rape and sexual assault within the student body.

Coast Guard Fellow in the **Department of State's 39th Senior Seminar, National Foreign Affairs Training Center, Arlington, Virginia.** (1996-97) The Senior Seminar was the State Department's most advanced professional development program for national security and diplomatic personnel. The Seminar's curriculum opened new horizons, revitalized understanding of our country and its diversity, and promoted intellectual and professional growth. Members studied a wide variety of problems, issues, and trends in the United States, relating them to international affairs and national security; and they practiced leadership and senior executive skills such as team-building, public speaking, media relations, and congressional testimony. Appreciation for diversity was another general theme of the Seminar. Classroom work was complemented by researching the impact of gambling on Indian Reservations and volunteering at the New London Community Services Center, a soup kitchen in inner city New London, Connecticut. Attended a variety of diversity workshops including the EEO/Diversity Awareness Training for Senior Managers and the "Color of Fear" program, a race Senrelations workshop.

Commanding Officer, USCGC SENECA, Boston, Massachusetts. (1994-96) During our first patrol for Operation Able Manner (Haitian migration in the Windward Pass), interdicted three Haitian vessels, conducted operations supporting the planned invasion of

Haiti, conducted counter-drug operations in the Greater Antilles Section east of Dutch St. Maarten, and responded to the Cuban mass migration in August, 1994. Interdicted 42 boats or rafts and 345 people in the first day. Saved over 700 lives within the month. During our first New England winter patrol responded to the sinking Ukrainian merchant ship SALVADORE ALLENDE 1200 miles into the North Atlantic. Fought through 30 foot seas to coordinate an on scene search flotilla that included as many as 26 ships, displacing over a million tons per day. Coordinated the efforts of three aircraft, four patrol boats, and numerous small boats to safely rescue 455 Haitian migrants from a sinking Haitian freighter near Hawksnest Cay, Bahamas in August, 1995. Had the distinction of serving on the last Coast Guard Cutter to attend Fleet Refresher Training at Fleet Training Group Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Served as on scene commander for the Tug SCANDIA/Barge NORTH CAPE Oil spill near Point Judith, Rhode Island, January, 1996.

Staff Legal Officer, Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut. (1991-94) Principal legal advisor to the Superintendent for all issues, including personnel actions, cadet disciplinary actions, labor relations, real property management, government contracts, claims and litigation, and legal assistance. Major cases included the R&D Center multi-functional area contracts, the Academy food service contract, gifts and grants advice, and the '91 institutional climate assessment. Conducted over 400 legal assistance cases per year for Academy employees. Served as the Academy JV offensive line football coach (90-91), the JV head coach (1992), and varsity defensive line coach (1993).

Head, Department of Professional Development, Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut. (1990-91) Responsible for the professional development of the Corps of Cadets, preparing them to serve as officers in the Coast Guard fleet. Ran the four course Nautical Science sequence. Member, Dean's Academic Council. Managed CG Academy waterfront, ship simulators, and summer training. Responsible for the Coast Guard's Commanding Officer/Executive Officer Afloat course, preparing all incoming commanding and executive officers for tours afloat.

Executive Officer, USCGC CONFIDENCE, Cape Canaveral, Florida. (1998-2000) CONFIDENCE returned to the fleet from Major Maintenance Availability and conducted law enforcement patrols in the Caribbean. The primary mission was interdicting undocumented migrants in the Windward Pass. (1988-90)

Eleventh Coast Guard District Assistant Staff Legal Officer, Long Beach, California. (1985-88) Provided legal advice for all operations in Southern California. Served as trial and defense counsel, Article 32 investigations officer and legal assistance attorney. Also served as a Special Assistant U. S. Attorney for the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of California. Significant cases included the M/V Line Island Trader prosecution that included argument before the 9th Circuit. Selected as the ABA Coast Guard Young Lawyer of the Year in 1986.

Fifth Coast Guard District Operations Center, Portsmouth, Virginia. (1979-82)

Operations controller for the three-state area of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina we coordinated about 7,000 cases per year. Highlights included the Air Florida Flight 90 crash in Washington, D.C., the M/V Mount Horizon sinking off Cape Hatteras, and a 23 Foot Sea Ox overdue from Cape Fear, North Carolina.

Commanding Officer, USCGC POINT HARRIS in Bodega Bay, California and Apra Harbor, Guam. (1976-79) Significant cases included the relief of the Northern Mariana Islands following Typhoon Faye, the rescue of 28 persons onboard a Navy C-117 that ditched west of Guam, the first drug seizure in 14th District history (P/C Wireless Rock near Rota), and the second fisheries seizure in 14th District history (Japanese F/V ROC II west of Saipan).

Upon his commissioning as an Ensign from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1974, he served aboard the **U.S. Coast Guard Cutter DEPENDABLE in Panama City, Florida** (1974-76) as Student Engineer, Deck Watch Officer, and Communications Officer. Dependable conducted law enforcement patrols in the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico.

Rear Admiral Brooks has a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut (5 June 1974). He also holds a Juris Doctor degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia (1985). Graduated 2nd in a Class of 183. Editor-in-Chief of the William & Mary Law Review, Volume 26. Member, Order of the Coif. Member, William & Mary Trial Advocacy Team. Admitted to the bar in Virginia, the Fourth Circuit, and the Military Court of Appeals. He is a graduate of the 39th State Department Senior Seminar, held at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington, VA (1996-7), and the Senior Executives in National and International Security program, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Rear Admiral Brooks was born on 23 September 1952 in Ocala, Florida and grew up in nearby Williston, Florida. He graduated from Williston High School in May, 1970.

Rear Admiral Brooks' military decorations include the Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal, the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legions of Merit and various other personal and unit awards. At the time of his retirement RADM Brooks and ADM Allen were the only two Coast Guard officers who received the Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal for service in the field.

Rear Admiral Brooks has been married to Christine Morrissette of East Hartford, Connecticut for over 40 years. They have three children, Shawn (38), Keri (35), and Mike (30), and four grandchildren, Kaylee (14), Ashley (7), Ben (5) and John (2). His son Mike is a Coast Guard IS2 currently stationed at MFIC LANT and has been selected to attend Officer Candidate School in the January 2016 Class.