



Rear Admiral David Throop

Commander, Force Readiness Command
U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Throop assumed the responsibilities of the Commander of Coast Guard Force Readiness Command in April 2015. Force Readiness Command is responsible for optimizing human performance throughout the Coast Guard's workforce. FORCECOM enhances mission execution by providing clear tactics, techniques, and procedures; relevant training, and quality assessments and exercises to enable operational commanders to achieve a cycle of continuous improvements in human performance. He recently completed his assignment as the Executive Assistant to the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and served as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Commandant from 2013-2014. From 2010-2013, he was the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod.



Earning his naval aviator wings in 1988 at Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida, his other operational aviation assignments include tours as the Commanding Officer of Air Station Traverse City, Michigan; Operations and Executive Officer at Coast Guard Air Station Savannah, Georgia; H65 helicopter standardization and instructor pilot at the Coast Guard's Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama; and as a duty pilot at Coast Guard Air Station San Diego, California.

His other assignments include as the chief of officer personnel at the Coast Guard Personnel Service Center, a policy analyst for the Office of Plans, Policy and Evaluation at Coast Guard Headquarters; platform manager for the C130J aircraft during initial acquisition and as a deck watch officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter *Vigilant* (WMEC-617) in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

A native of Burton, Michigan RDML Throop graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He received a Master of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1998 and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2005.

His personal awards include two Legions of Merit, five Meritorious Service Medals with O device, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and various unit and service commendations. He has accumulated over 3,900 flight hours and has an FAA commercial pilot's license in both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft as well as certifications in the Falcon 20 and a multi-engine instrument rating.