



Captain Andrea L. Contratto Chief, Office of Reserve (CG-131)



Captain Andrea Contratto began her Coast Guard career by enlisting in 1978 as a Reserve yeoman. Her early duty stations included Coast Guard Reserve Group Monterey and Reserve Unit Station Channel Islands, both in California.

In July 1984, she received her commission as an Ensign in the Coast Guard Reserve upon graduation from the Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination Course at Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia. As a junior officer, she served in several San Francisco Bay-area reserve units prior to being recalled to active duty in 1988 as a Coast Guard Reserve Program Administrator (RPA). As a drilling Reservist, she served for 13 years as a government employee for the Army, Navy, General Services Administration and Coast Guard. Her senior civilian positions were as program and management analysts.

Captain Contratto's first RPA assignment was in the Reserve Programs Division at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. After completing her initial RPA tour, Captain Contratto was selected in 1991 to attend graduate school at Florida State University. Upon graduation in December 1992, she reported to the Marine Safety Branch, Training and Development Staff at the Reserve Training Center, Yorktown before serving at Integrated Support Command Portsmouth, Virginia as Chief, of the Force Optimization and Training Branch. In June 2001, she was assigned to the Fifth Coast Guard District in Portsmouth as Chief of Auxiliary and Recreational Boating Safety. She returned to Coast Guard Headquarters in 2005 as Chief of the Reserve Programs Division before assuming her current post in April 2007.

Captain Contratto earned a Master's of Science degree in Instructional Systems Design from Florida State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from California State University Northridge. Her personal awards include three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon.