



Rear Admiral Mark Tedesco

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(CG-11)



Rear Admiral Mark J. Tedesco is the Coast Guard's Chief Medical Officer and Director of Health, Safety and Work-Life. RADM Tedesco is trained and Board Certified in Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine (Aerospace) and a designated Coast Guard Flight Surgeon.

RADM Tedesco graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Tufts University in 1980 and received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Tufts University in 1986. He completed his Family Practice residency at Ft. Belvoir, VA in 1989. He received a Master's in Public Health degree in Health Care Management from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1994 and completed his Aerospace Medicine Residency at Brooks Air Force Base in 1995.

Prior to his current assignment, RADM Tedesco served as the Chief of the Coast Guard's Operational Medicine and Medical Readiness Division at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. Prior to that, he was the Medical Readiness branch chief at Coast Guard Headquarters. Preceding his transfer to the Public Health Service and Coast Guard in 1997, he served as an Army physician. His assignments included Chief of the Primary Care Department and Acting Deputy Commander for the Army's Aeromedical Center and Hospital at Ft. Rucker, AL as well as serving as the Flight surgeon for the 224th Army Military Intelligence (Aerial) Battalion and Coast Guard's Air Station Savannah at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, GA. He also served as the Treatment Platoon Leader in the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Operations Desert Shield and Storm. His Coast Guard experience includes underway support aboard Coast Guard Cutter Barque EAGLE, medical support during MEDEVAC operations, patrol boat mishap response operations and clinical support to numerous Coast Guard clinics and sick-bays. RADM Tedesco also served as Medical Director of Operations for Federal Disaster Response Teams at the World Trade Center Disaster site in September 2001.

RADM Tedesco's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award), Coast Guard, Public Health Service and Army Commendation Medals and the Department of Transportation's 9-11 Medal. He was selected as the US Army Aerospace Medicine Specialist of the Year in 1997 and as the US Public Health Service Physician Executive of the Year in 2005. He is designated as both a Coast Guard Flight Surgeon and Army Senior Flight surgeon and has been awarded the Army's Expert Field Medic Badge and Paratrooper Wings.