



Acquisition Directorate

Assistant Commandant for Acquisition

Rear Admiral (RADM) Gary T. Blore

Assistant Commandant for Acquisition & Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO)

United States Coast Guard Acquisition Directorate (CG-9)

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Rear Admiral Blore assumed duties as the Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO) on July 13, 2007. In this capacity, he directs efforts across all Coast Guard acquisition programs and related procurement management, contracting and research and development activities to support the Service's current \$27 billion acquisition investment portfolio. Prior to this assignment, Rear Admiral Blore served as the Program Executive Officer of the Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater System, overseeing the sustainment, modernization, and recapitalization of surface, air, command and control, and logistics assets for the Coast Guard's multiple maritime missions.

A 1975 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Rear Admiral Blore initially served aboard the medium endurance cutter *Venturous*. In 1976, he commenced flight training at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., and was designated a Coast Guard Aviator. From 1977 until 1982, he served as a helicopter aircraft commander at Coast Guard Air Station Brooklyn, N.Y., deploying frequently aboard cutters in the Caribbean. During that tour, he participated in the U.S. response to the Cuban Refugee Crisis of 1980. After a subsequent tour as a Program Reviewer and Budget Analyst for the Coast Guard Chief of Staff at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., he transitioned to Coast Guard "Guardian" fan-jets in 1988 and served as an aircraft commander at Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, Mass. While there, Rear Admiral Blore deployed as executive officer of a 28-member aviation detachment to Manama, Bahrain, during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In 1992, Rear Admiral Blore became the Group Operations Officer and then Deputy Group Commander for Coast Guard Group and Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas. Following that assignment, he was selected to attend the Air War College, in Montgomery, Ala., where he studied national security issues.

In 1997, he became the fourteenth Commander of Group/Air Station Astoria, Ore., where he directed Coast Guard air and motor lifeboat operations along the Oregon and Washington coast.

Following a three-year command tour, Rear Admiral Blore returned to Coast Guard Headquarters in July 2000 for assignment as Chief, Office of Aviation Forces, with programmatic oversight for all 30 of the Coast Guard's air stations and facilities. From July 2002 to July 2004, Rear Admiral Blore served as the Coast Guard's Chief, Office of Budget and Programs for the Assistant Commandant for Planning, Resources and Procurement. He was responsible for formulation, justification, and programmatic execution of a \$7 billion budget, Coast Guard policy review, and coordination of external outreach.

Upon promotion to flag rank in September 2004, Rear Admiral Blore served as Special Assistant to the President. In that capacity, he was the Homeland Security Council's Senior Director for Border and Transportation Security.

Rear Admiral Blore is a DHS Level 3 Program Manager and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in economics, with honors, from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He also has a master's degree in public policy and administration from Columbia University, where he was selected as an International Fellow. His personal decorations include five awards of the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals and the Transportation 9-11 Medal, as well as other service and campaign awards.