

Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA
Director, NOAA Corps
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Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey is the director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps and NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations. He was appointed by Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez on October 1, 2007, after nomination for the position by President George W. Bush, confirmation by the U.S. Senate, and subsequent promotion by the Secretary to the rank of rear admiral.

In his 29 years of service, RADM Bailey has had a balanced operational career, with seven years of sea duty aboard the NOAA ships *Peirce*, *Whiting*, *Rude* and *Heck*, and the *Gloria Michelle* and almost nine years of flight duty piloting NOAA's Shrike, Turbo Commander and Citation aircraft.

As a senior officer, RADM Bailey served as Executive Director to the Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere. He served as Director of the Commissioned Personnel Center, where he directed the management of a complex system of policies, including compensation and benefits. RADM Bailey played a critical role in developing innovative strategies to improve the NOAA Corps workforce. These strategies included the establishment of NOAA Corps core values, a new officer evaluation and billet systems, deployment of technological improvements, and new training modules to educate officers and civilian supervisors about NOAA Corps policies. He served as the Chief of NOAA's National Ocean Service Remote Sensing Division, where he led technology advancement in the simultaneous collection and processing of digital aerial photography, airborne laser data, and airborne imaging spectroscopy for NOAA's shoreline mapping and the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Survey programs. At the time of the September 11 terrorist attacks, he oversaw NOAA's aerial- and ground-based mapping operations that aided search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center and Pentagon. He received the Commerce Gold Medal group award for technical skill and coordination in 2002 for his role following the attacks.

RADM Bailey has a master's degree in aeronautical science, a bachelor's degree in natural resources, and an associate degree in fisheries and marine technology. He is a graduate of Harvard's Senior Executive Fellows and The Art and Practice of Leadership Development programs.

RADM Bailey lives in Maryland with his wife Cindy and their three sons.

