



Rear Admiral David G. Throop

Deputy Commander, Pacific Area

U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral David Throop assumed the duties of Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area (PACAREA) in July 2019. As Deputy Commander, he is responsible for all U.S. Coast Guard missions within a geographic region that spans from the Rocky Mountains west to the waters off the eastern coast of Africa.

Rear Admiral Throop previously served as Commander, Coast Guard Thirteenth District in Seattle, Washington from May 2017 to June 2019, where he directed all Coast Guard missions in the Pacific Northwest.

His first flag assignment was Commander, Force Readiness Command (FORCECOM) in Norfolk, Virginia from April 2015 to April 2017. He was responsible for 41 units in 17 states to deliver mission-ready forces through training, leadership development, readiness assessments, and major exercise support.

Earning his naval aviator wings in 1988 at Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida, his operational aviation assignments include tours as the Commanding Officer of Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts; Commanding Officer of Air Station Traverse City, Michigan; Operations and Executive Officer at Air Station Savannah, Georgia; H-65 helicopter standardization and instructor pilot at the Coast Guard's Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama; and as a duty pilot at Group / Air Station San Diego, California.

His other assignments include Executive Assistant to the Commandant, Executive Assistant to the Vice Commandant, 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, Rear Admiral Throop graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He has a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

He has numerous personal and unit awards and 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.