

BIOGRAPHIES

Karl L. Schultz

Rear Admiral, United States Coast Guard Director of Operations United States Southern Command

Rear Admiral Schultz serves as U.S. Southern Command's Director of Operations, J3. As the J3, he directs military operations across the Caribbean Basin and Central and South America. His prior flag officer assignments were as Commander, 11th Coast Guard District where he was responsible for multi-mission Coast Guard operations from the California-Oregon border to Peru, and before that as Director of Governmental and Public Affairs at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington D.C., where he was responsible for external engagement with Congress, the media, and inter-governmental entities.



Previous operational assignments include Sector Command in Miami from 2006-2008, where he oversaw multimission operations in Southeast Florida, as well as sea-going command tours aboard Coast Guard Cutters VENTUROUS (WMEC-625), ACACIA (WLB-406) and FARALLON (WPB-1301). He also served afloat aboard cutters PETREL (WSES-4) and GENTIAN (WLB-290).

Staff assignments include Chief of the Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs; Congressional Liaison Officer to the U.S. House of Representatives; Liaison Officer to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL); Assignment Officer at the Coast Guard Personnel Command; and Command Duty Officer in the Seventh Coast Guard District Operations Center in Miami.

Rear Admiral Schultz is a 1983 Coast Guard Academy graduate, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. In 1992, he was awarded a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Connecticut, and in 2006 completed a one-year National Security Fellowship at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Rear Admiral Schultz's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation and Achievement Medals, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation.