



RISING to the Challenge

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Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby is a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy where he received a Bachelor of Science in Nautical Science and U.S. Coast Guard Third Mate License. He was commissioned in June 1979, is a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College and holds master's degrees from the U.S. Naval War College and Salve Regina University in Strategic Studies and International Relations.

As a surface warfare officer, Rear Adm. Buzby made numerous deployments aboard cruisers and destroyers to include: USS *Conrole* (FF 1056), USS *Aries* (PHM 5), USS *Yorktown* (CG 48) and USS *Shiloh* (CG 67). Buzby commanded the destroyer USS *Carney* (DDG 64) which included the ship's first Mediterranean/Persian Gulf deployment. Under his command, *Carney* was awarded two Battle Efficiency awards, the Navy Unit Commendation, Gold and Silver retention excellence awards and the USS Arizona Memorial Award as the most combat-ready ship in the U.S. Navy over a two-year period.

Following this tour, Buzby returned to sea as 6th Fleet Assistant Operations Officer participating in combat operations as part of NATO's *Operation Allied Force* in Kosovo. He then assumed command of Destroyer Squadron 31 as the Sea Combat Commander for the *Abraham Lincoln Battle Group* during two deployments in support of operations *Southern Watch* and *Enduring Freedom* in Iraq and Afghanistan, respectively.

Ashore, the admiral has served on the Navy staff as the Point Defense Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) Section Head for Surface Warfare Division (OP-352E) and as Aegis Combat System Development Officer (N865G3). Early joint experience was on the Joint Staff, Joint Operations Division (J-33/JOD) as an Operations Officer and Chairman's Briefer. He was the 16th Commanding Officer of Surface Warfare Officers School Command.

As a flag officer, Rear Adm. Buzby has served on the Navy Staff as Deputy for Surface Ships (N86E), deputy for Surface Warfare (N86B) and Deputy for Expeditionary Warfare (N85B). He has also served as Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, and most recently as Deputy Chief of Staff for Global Force Management and Joint Operations, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (N3/N5).

In October 2009, Rear Adm. Buzby assumed his current position as Commander, Military Sealift Command.

Buzby's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five awards) and various other unit and campaign awards. In 1984, he was an Atlantic Fleet Junior Officer Ship handling Award winner.