

**Rear Admiral
David E. Ciancaglini,
United States Coast Guard, Retired**

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Rear Admiral David E. Ciancaglini, a native of Woodbine, N.J. and a 1960 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, retired from active duty in July, 1996 after 36 years as a Coast Guard officer. His specialization was Operations.

July 1, 1996---Date of retirement

1992-1996--- Rear Admiral Ciancaglini's last Coast Guard assignment was as Chief of the Office of Command, Control, Communications and Computers, responsible for the worldwide management, including involvement in all major procurements and policy decisions, of matters affecting Coast Guard C4I. In conjunction with this assignment, he was also the Coast Guard's first Chief Information Officer (CIO), where he promulgated the responsibilities for that position and reorganized his staff to meet the CIO needs of the Service. One of his first responsibilities was to procure computers to provide standardization, interoperability and compatibility Coast Guard-wide and with the other military services. He also served on the Board of Trustees, U. S. Coast Guard Academy.

1992---Promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral (O-8)

1989 to 1992---Served as the Commander, 17th Coast Guard District (Alaska) responsible for completing the full range of Coast Guard missions in the Northern Pacific, west to Asia. In 1989, he was assigned additional duties as the Federal On Scene Coordinator for the Exxon Valdez oil spill, completing the cleanup in 1992. At this time, the number of personnel for which he was responsible numbered approximately 15,000. During his tour of duty in Alaska, Rear Admiral Ciancaglini also functioned as the Commander, Maritime Defense Zone Alaska and as Naval Component Commander representing the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet for the newly established multi-service Alaskan Command.

1989---Promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral (O-7)

1988 to 1989---As a Captain and Chief of Staff, Coast Guard Pacific Area, he coordinated the direction and supervision of personnel and Coast Guard assets performing missions in the Pacific Ocean in support of national and international interests. These missions included law enforcement on the high seas involving drug interdiction, alien smuggling and arms smuggling; search and rescue; environmental protection and military readiness.

1987 to 1988---As a senior Captain, served as the first Deputy Commander of the newly established Maintenance and Logistics Command, Pacific responsible for coordinating

the engineering, logistics, administrative, legal, medical and personnel support of all Coast Guard resources in the Pacific area.

1983 to 1987---Held positions as Chief of Personnel and later as Chief of Operations in the Fourteenth Coast Guard District (Hawaii).

1980---Promoted to the rank of Captain (O-6)

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1962 to 1983---Flight Training and assignments to 8 air stations followed, including designation as Commanding Officer of the last two (Air Station Houston, TX and Air Station/Group Astoria, OR). At Air Station Houston, his unit was awarded the CG Unit Commendation and the CG Meritorious Unit Commendation for superior performances in the conduct of extremely hazardous operational missions. He was qualified in both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft and accumulated approximately 5,200 flight hours. During this period, he was also assigned to U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. and performed as Chief, Aviation Life Support Section, followed by Chief, Operations Section, and later as Assistant Chief, Aviation Branch, providing support and direction to Coast Guard air stations nation-wide.

1960 to 1962---Served aboard an Ocean Station vessel home ported in Boston, MA and patrolled the mid-Atlantic Ocean. After two years in this assignment, he received orders to naval flight training in Pensacola, Florida.

Rear Admiral Ciancaglini is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (3), the Air Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (4) and numerous other awards.

He presently lives in Sun Lakes, Arizona. During his entire time in the Coast Guard, he was married to Mona Lucinda MacCormick, who passed away in October, 2010. His daughter, Anna, and grandson, Joshua, live in northern Virginia.