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**RADM James C. Olson, USCG (Ret.)**  
Biography

During his military career in the U.S. Coast Guard, Rear Admiral Olson was a distinguished aviator, flying over 5500 hours in Sikorsky rescue helicopters for the U.S. Coast Guard. He was involved in hundreds of rescues while saving and assisting mariners in many extreme circumstances. He served at Coast Guard Air Stations all across the U.S., and spent 12 years of his career in

Alaska, one of the world's harshest flying environments.

RADM Olson retired from the US Coast Guard in 2006 where he served as Commander of the USCG District Seventeen (Juneau, Alaska). His other Flag tours included Director of Operations Capability, CG Headquarters where he was responsible for planning, budgeting, and policy implementation for all Coast Guard cutters, aircraft, boats and command and control systems. During this time he was part of the original Department of Homeland Security implementation team. Earlier he was the Director of the Joint Inter Agency Task Force West in Alameda, CA.

Rear Admiral Olson is currently the Senior Director for DHS and Maritime Programs with MacAulay-Brown, Inc. He is a graduate of the Harvard Program for Senior Executives in National and

International Security, the Flag and General Officer CAPSTONE Course, the Air War College and the U.S. Army Flight Safety Officer Course. He has a BS degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and a Masters of Business Administration from Adelphi University. He serves on several boards including the Coast Guard Foundation Board of Trustees.