

Administration and Staff

Administrative titles at the Academy differ from those at civilian colleges, but in essence the responsibilities that accompany the titles are the same. The *Superintendent* is akin to a college president and ultimately governs all aspects of Academy operation. The *Deputy Superintendent* is the principal executive for management control. The *Academic Dean*, like a college dean of faculty, is responsible for the curriculum and the supervision of the academic departments. The *Commandant of Midshipmen* is akin to the dean of students and handles all midshipmen affairs of a non-academic nature, including military organization, conduct and discipline. These administrative officers comprise the Academy's senior staff, and are assisted by capable office personnel in the daily operation of the institution.

Board of Visitors

Public Law 453, approved by the 96th Congress on October 15, 1980, provides for an annual inspection of the Academy by Congress through a Board of Visitors of nine members who are appointed in January of each year. The Board consists of one Senator appointed by the Vice President; two Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Chairmen of the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee of the Senate, the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives as *ex-officio* members; two Senators appointed by the chairman of the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee of the Senate; and three Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the chairman of the House Committee on

Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

Advisory Board

Public Law 453 also establishes an Advisory Board consisting of not more than seven persons of distinction in education and other fields relating to the purposes of the Academy who serve without pay. The members of the Board visit the Academy at least once during the academic year at the call of the chairman. The board's purpose is to examine the course of instruction and the management of the Academy and advise the maritime administrator and the Superintendent of their findings.

Staff

Following each name is the year of joining the staff. Also listed are job title, degrees earned, where obtained, professional licenses, and military status.

The list starting on the next page is current as of August 1, 2013.

Office of the Superintendent

RADM James A. Helis, USMS (2012)

Superintendent

B.S., U.S. Military Academy

M.S., U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

M.S., University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D., Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

RDML Susan L. Dunlap (2013)

Deputy Superintendent

B.A., Northwestern University

M.A., Naval War College

M.S., Naval Post Graduate School

Ilene Kreitzer (2011)

Academy Counsel

B.A., Stony Brook University

J.D., Boston University

Kelly Butruch (2008)

Risk Management Officer

B.A., St. Francis College

MPA., John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Office of the Academic Dean

Shashi N. Kumar (2007)

Academic Dean

Graduate, Indian Maritime Academy

M.S., Maine Maritime Academy

Ph.D., University of Wales

License: Master Mariner (U.K.) Unlimited

Dianne Taha (2000)

Assistant Academic Dean for Academic Programs

B.A., Harpur College, SUNY Binghamton

M.S., New York Institute of Technology

Office of the Registrar

Lisa Jerry (2003)

Academy Registrar

B.S., New York Institute of Technology

M.S., New York Institute of Technology

Maribeth Widelo (2009)

Academy Assistant Registrar

B.A., Assumption College

M.A., Emerson College

Bland Library

George J. Billy (1977)

Chief Librarian

B.A., Rutgers University

M.L.S., Pratt Institute

M.A., Adelphi University

Ph.D., City University of New York

Donald Gill (1997)

Reader Services Librarian

B.S.C.E., CCNY

M.L.S., St. John's University

Marilyn Stern (1991)

Technical Services Librarian

B.A., CCNY

M.L.S., LIU

Medical Library Association Certification

Senior Member Academy of Medical Information Professionals
Certification

Department of Information Technology

CDR Kevin Clarke, USMS (2012)

Director, Department of Information Technology

B.S. SUNY Maritime College

License: Master, Steam and Motor Vessels , Any gross tonnage, Oceans;

Master of Towing Vessels, Oceans

Military: Chief Warrant Officer 2, TC, USAR

Marilyn Hetsel (1997)

Manager of Academy Simulation Systems

Diploma, Briarcliffe College

Department of Waterfront Activities

CDR Christopher Gasiorek, USMS (2005)

Director of Waterfront Activities/Sailing Master

B.S., U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

License: Master, Steam and Motor Vessels of any Gross Tons, Oceans

First Class Pilot, Great Lakes and Lower Mississippi River

Richard J. Cain (1997)

Assistant Director of Waterfront Activities

License: 100 ton near coastal

Rick Dominique (1999)

Director of JV and Recreational Sailing

B.S., SUNY Maritime College

Department of External Affairs

Veronica Cassidy Barry (2007)

Public Affairs and Outreach Officer

B.S., Niagara University

Career Development Certificate, University of Wisconsin

Office of Admissions

CAPT Robert E. Johnson, USMS (2004)

Director of Admissions and Financial Aid

B.S., U.S. Military Academy

M.A., University of Tennessee

M.A., Naval War College

Military: COL, USA (Ret.)

CDR Michael E. DeRosa, USMS (1998)

Assistant Director of Admissions and Financial Aid

B.S., Manhattan College

M.B.A., Manhattan College

U.S. Air Force Squadron Officer School

U.S. Air Force Air Command and Staff College

Military: LtCol, USAFR (Ret.)

Joseph Becker (2013)

Financial Aid Specialist

B.S., SUNY Maritime College

M.S., SUNY Maritime College

License: Third Mate, Unlimited Tonnage, All Vessels

Military: LT, USNR

LT Tyrone Broxton, USMS (2006)

Recruitment Specialist

B.A., Lebanon Valley College

M.S., Manhattanville College

LT Tina T. Schoggers, USMS (2007)

Recruitment Specialist

B.P.S., New York Institute of Technology

M.S., New York Institute of Technology

LT Kelly Ann Gualtieri, USMS (2007)

Recruitment Specialist

B.S., College of Staten Island

Office of the Academy Chief Financial Officer

Joe Escoto (2013)

Academy CFO

B.B.A., University of Texas at San Antonio

M.B.A., University of Texas at San Antonio

Oswaldo Jorge, (1987)

Senior Accountant

B.B.A., University of Puerto Rico (San Juan)

Office Human Resources

Andrew Green (2011)

Office Director / Supervisory Human Resources Specialist

B.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

M.P.A., Baruch College, City University of New York

Raymond A. Venkersammy (2004)

Human Resources Director (Acting)

B.S., St. Johns University

Vivian Baierwalter (1985)

Human Resources Specialist

Carol Coogan (1997)

Human Resources Assistant

Office of the Chief Procurement Officer

Maximilian Diah (2004)

Chief of Contracting Office

A.A., Strayer University

B.A., Strayer University

Deborah Porter (1997)

Contract Specialist

Carmen Feliz (2010)

Contract Specialist

A.A., Nassau Community College

B.A., SUNY Old Westbury

Douglas Pader (2011)

Contract Specialist

B.A., Miami University

Jeannie Glienna (2012)
Procurement Assistant
B.A., Old Dominion University

Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Administration

Rick Sager (2006)
Head
Department of Health Services
B.S., New York Institute of Technology
M.P.S., New York Institute of Technology

Joseph Abbamonte (2002)
Environmental Protection Specialist

John Redfern (2002)
Safety Officer
B.A., C.W. Post College

Mitchell Glazer (1996)
Food Service Officer
B.B.A., Baruch College

Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Facilities

CAPT Theodore Dogonniuck, USMS (2010)
Assistant Superintendent for Facilities
B.S., Cornell University
M.S., Columbia University
Military: Major, USMCR
License: Professional Engineer – New York State

LCDR, Robert DiTrioia, USMS (2010)
Capital Improvement Officer
B.S., University of Maryland
Military: Capt, USAF

Office of the Commandant of Midshipmen

CAPT John Kennedy, USMS
Commandant of Midshipmen
B.S., U.S. Naval Academy
M.S. National War College
M.S. University of Denver
Military: Col, USMC (Ret.)

CAPT Robert DeStafney, USMS (2010)
Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen
B.S., U.S. Naval Academy
M.A., U.S. Naval War College
M.S., California University of Pennsylvania
Military: Col, USMC (Ret.)

LCDR John Pulsinelli, USMS (2008)
Deputy Commandant Plans and Policy
B.S. U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
License: Third Mate, Steam and Motor Vessels, Unlimited
Military: LCDR. USN

CDR Andrew McCarthy, USMS (2013)
Regimental Officer
B.S. SUNY Maritime College
License: Third Mate, Steam and Motor Vessels, Unlimited
Military: CDR, USN

LT John Curran, USMS (2011)

Administrative Services Logistics Officer
B.S. John Jay College of Criminal Justice,
M.A. American Military University
Military: LT, USN

CAPT Kenneth R. Force, USMS (1970)

Director of Music
B.M., M.M., Manhattan School of Music
M.P.S., New York Institute of Technology
Professional Diploma (Ed. Admin.), Manhattan School of Music
C.A.S.A.C., State of New York

CDR Stevens Frangos, USMS (2005)

Performance and Assessment Officer
B.S., U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
License: Third Assistant Engineer, Steam and Motor Vessels, Unlimited.
Military: CDR, USN

LCDR Eddie C. Ragin, USMS (1999)

Tactical Officer
B.S., Phoenix University
Military: GySgt, USMC (Ret.)

LCDR Michael Roth, USMS (2010)

Tactical Officer
B.S., U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

LCDR Tiffany A. Pettis, USMS (2011)

Tactical Officer
B.A., Saginaw Valley State University
Military: Maj, USMCR

LT Antoinette Waller, USMS (2010)

Tactical Officer
Military: MSgt, USMC (Ret.)

LT Matt Fetterman (2013)

Tactical Officer
B.S., US Merchant Marine Academy
License: 2nd Assistant Engineer, Steam and Motor Vessels, Unlimited.
Military: LT, USN

Virginia Reilly (2002)

Midshipmen Personnel Officer

Arthur W. Jacobs (1990)

Operations Administrator
B.S., M.P.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Mary Cunningham (1984)

Social Director
B.A., Adelphi
M.S., LIU (C.W. Post)
