

CAPTAIN JAMES D. HULL

Captain James D. Hull, a native of North Ridgeville, OH, attended the U.S. Coast Guard Academy as a member of the Class of 1969. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science and was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Coast Guard. His first assignment was as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the *USCGC Rush* (WHEC 723) homeported in San Francisco, CA. During his two and one half years on the newly commissioned *Rush*, Captain Hull experienced one tour in Southeast Asia off the coast of Vietnam. The *Rush* sank two vessels attempting to smuggle arms and ammunition into South Vietnam during this period. In 1972, Captain Hull was assigned as the Executive Officer on the buoy tender *USCGC Red Birch* (WLM 687), also homeported in San Francisco, CA. After two years on the *Red Birch*, Captain Hull attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY where he earned a Masters Degree in Operations Research and Statistics. From 1974 to 1978, Captain Hull was an Assistant Professor in the Mathematics Department at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a Class Advisor to the Class of 1978, and was Assistant Dean of Academics for one year. Upon departure, Captain Hull earned a Masters of Business Administration at night school from the University of New Haven in New Haven, CT. Captain Hull went back to sea in 1978 as the Commanding Officer of the *USCGC Red Birch* (WLM 687), homeported this time at the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore, MD where he was instrumental in redesigning the aids to navigation system in the Chesapeake Bay. From 1980-1984, Captain Hull was the Branch Chief for Programming, Planning, and Budgeting for the Training and Education Division at the Coast Guard Headquarters where he oversaw a significant increase in training resources and gained multi-million dollar funding for Coast Guard training facility upgrades. Captain Hull was then selected for his second command; this time the *USCGC Alert* (WMEC 630), a medium endurance cutter in Cape May, NJ, involved in fisheries, counternarcotics, and Haitian migrant operations. In 1986, Captain Hull returned to Washington, DC as the Branch Chief for the Coast Guard Budget Execution and Analysis Branch at Coast Guard Headquarters. After serving three years in this position, Captain Hull was assigned as the Assistant Chief, Congressional and Governmental Affairs Staff and in 1990 he became Chief of this staff. During this time, the Comprehensive Oil Spill Liability Act of 1992 was formulated and passed. From 1991-1992, Captain Hull attended the National War College in Washington, DC. In 1992 he assumed command of the *USCGC Dallas* (WHEC 716) homeported in Governor's Island, NY. In this capacity, he has also been the Commander, Task Unit 44.7.4 during Dallas's deployments to the Windward Passage in support of Operation Able Manner between Haiti and Cuba.

Captain Hull's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", Coast Guard Commendation Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device, Coast Guard Achievement Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device and one Gold star, Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon with Operational Distinguishing Device, Combat Action Ribbon, Coast Guard Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation with Operational Distinguishing Device as well as many other awards.

Captain Hull is married to the former Judith Ferris of East Hartford, CT. They are proud parents of two children, Jason (19) and Jessica (17).

