## Carter Nominates Alaska's Hayes For Coast Guard Commandant





AEAR ADM. JOHN B. HAYES To Move Up From 17th District

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JUNEAU — Rear Adm. John Briggs Hayes, who has commanded the U.S. Coast Guard's Alaska operations since 1975, has been nominated by President Jimmy Carter to become commandant of the Coast Guard as of June 1.

The nomination is subject to Senate approval.

Notice of Hayes' nomination and a promotion from two star to four star admiral was received yesterday at 17th Coast Guard District headquarters in Juneau, said Coast Guard spokesman Dan Dewell of the district's public information office in Juneau.

Rear Adm. Robert H. Scarborough was nominated to become vice commandant, effective July 1.

Hayes' career has spanned tours of duty aboard a number of Coast Guard cutters as well as assignments in Washington, D.C., and in Southeast Asia.

Born in 1924 in Jamestown, N.Y., he attended Randles Preparatory School in Washington, D.C. He graduated in 1946 from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., with a bachelor of science degree in engineering and was commissioned an ensign in the Coast Guard.

He served as damage control officer aboard an ocean station vessel, the Chincoteague, in 1949 and 1950. He was executive officer of the cutter Aurora out of Savannah, Ga., and as a lieutenant he commanded the Coast Guard Loran transmitting station at Matsumae, Japan.

He returned to sea duty as commanding officer of the cutter Ariadne out of Key West, Fla., and in 1953, he assumed command of the Coast Guard base at Key West. In 1957, he returned to sea as commanding officer of the cutter Sagebrush out of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

He completed the Naval War College at Newport, R.I., in 1960 and was assigned to Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C. Initially he served as head of the program section of the program analysis division, later becoming chief of the long range planning branch.

Hayes was commended by the secretary of the treasury for outstanding accomplishment as a member of the special task force studying the Coast Guard role and mission. He was liaison officer to the House Appropriations Investigations group during 1961 and 1962.

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He was instrumental in advancing a long-range plan for the replacement of aging Coast Guard vessels and modernization of shore stations, for which he was awarded the secretary of the treasury's commendation award medal.

He received a master's degree in international affairs in 1964 from George Washington University.

In July 1964, he became the Coast Guard's resident inspector at Todd Shipyard in Seattle to oversee completion of a 210-foot cutter, the Vigilance. He later commissioned the Vigilance and served as its first commanding officer.

From March 1966 to May 1967, Hayes was Force Coastal Zone adviser and commander of Division 11, Coast Guard Squadron 1, in South Vietnam.

Hayes, who was promoted to commander just before going to South Vietnam, was assigned to Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, where he held two posts and was promoted to captain. His promotion came while he was serving as chief of the shore facilities branch of the search and rescue division.

He was then reassigned as chief of the planning and evaluation staff of the office of boating safety. For his work there, he was awarded the Coast Guard commendation medal. He was named commandant of cadets at the Coast Guard Academy in 1971 and was promoted to permanent rear admiral in 1973. Hayes had already assumed the flag-ranking post as comptroller of the U.S. Coast Guard, a post he held until becoming commander of the 17th Coast Guard District.

He is married to the former Elizabeth C. Bogert of Englewood, N.J. They have four children, Christie, John B. Jr., William and Virginia.