



**Rear Admiral Linda L. Fagan**  
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Rear Admiral Fagan serves as the U. S. Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Operations, Policy & Capabilities, where she is responsible for establishing and providing operational strategy, policy, capability and resources to meet national priorities for U. S. Coast Guard missions, programs and services.

Rear Admiral Fagan’s prior flag officer assignments include service as the First District Commander from May 2014 through May 2016. In this role, she oversaw all Coast Guard missions across eight New England states and over 2,000 miles of Coastline while commanding more than 11,000 active duty, reserve, civilian, and auxiliary personnel, and employing 30 cutters, 200 boats, and 8 aircraft. She also previously served as the Deputy Director of Operations for Headquarters, United States Northern Command, advising the USNORTHCOM Commander on all operational matters and providing strategic guidance to plan and execute all NORTHCOM missions.



Rear Admiral Fagan’s 31-year career has taken her to all seven continents, from the snows of Ross Island, Antarctica to the heart of Africa, from Tokyo to Geneva, and many ports along the way. Prior to assignment to NORTHCOM, she served as the Commander, Sector New York. Sector New York is the Coast Guard’s largest shore-based operational unit with responsibility for all Coast Guard missions in the greater New York metropolitan area and as far north as Albany. Additional operational assignments include service as a deck watch officer on board the USCGC Polar Star; Marine Inspector positions in Puget Sound, WA, Mobile, AL, and New Orleans, LA; Industry Training with the New Orleans Steamboat Company; Chief of Port Operations at Marine Safety Office Savannah; and Executive Officer-Marine Inspection Office/Activities Europe in Rotterdam. Rear Admiral Fagan’s staff tours include Executive Assistant to the Commandant and Vice Commandant and Division Chief of the Foreign and Offshore Compliance Office.

Rear Admiral Fagan has extensive interagency as well as intergovernmental experience. She has worked with both the International Maritime Organization and International Labor Organization on flag state and port state issues, including the development of the International Ship and Port Security Code (ISPS), and the Consolidated Maritime Labor Convention.

Rear Admiral Fagan has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Science from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, a Master’s Degree in Marine Affairs from the University of Washington, and a Master’s Degree in National Security Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Her awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legions of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation medals, and the Arctic and Antarctic Service medals.