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**CDR Gary M. Thomas, USCG (Ret.)**  
Biography

Gary M. Thomas, a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, retired as a Commander, last serving as Chief of Electronic Navigation for the Coast Guard. Previous assignments included both command at sea and ashore. He earned his permanent Cutterman's pin, serving in various Coast Guard cutters and he has sailed in both US Navy and Royal Navy combatants. He has an advanced degree (Masters of Computer Information Sciences) from the University of Miami.

Since retirement from the USCG, Gary has provided independent consulting and project management on a variety of projects including maritime security matters, information technology, navigation and communications issues for Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense.

He is also active in supporting military spouses, championing issues that improve the lives of those who also serve. He has served as a senior mentor and advisor to numerous military spouse groups from the USCG, USN and USMC.

CDR Thomas continues his work with the Foundation for Coast Guard History where he has served as the Executive Director since 2009.

He is married to RADM Cari Batson Thomas, USCG (Ret.) and they have one daughter and a son in law.