

Robert T. Getman, Capt., U.S.C.G. (Ret.)

Bob Getman graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1954 and the United States Naval War College in 1968.

His assignments in the Coast Guard afloat included Operations Officer of the High Endurance Cutter MACKINAC, Executive Officer of the Polar Icebreaker SOUTHWIND, and Commanding Officer of the Medium Endurance Cutter AGASSIZ. He also served as Squadron Commander of the USCG Cadet Training Squadron .

Ashore, he was CO of the Coast Guard Loran Station on French Frigate Shoals in the Pacific, a navigation Instructor at the Academy, Chief of Recruiting in Washington, D.C., Deputy Chief of the Office of Civil Rights at Coast Guard Headquarters and CO of the Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, VA. His last assignment was that of Director of Admissions at the Coast Guard Academy.

He retired from the Coast Guard as a Captain after 30 years of Service in May 1984.

On the following day, he assumed the position of Director of Residential and Rehabilitation Services at the CT. State Department of Veterans Affairs Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill. He was responsible for the operation of the Home section of the State Facility. Bob retired from state service on June 1, 1994

Bob developed two programs for Connecticut's veterans which have received national recognition—The Veterans Improvement Program (VIP) and STANDDOWN—programs designed to improve the lives of the States homeless, needy, and addicted Veterans.

Carcinoid Cancer changed Bob's life in 2003 when it took his wife's life after several months of misdiagnoses. He formed the Connecticut Carcinoid Initiative in Dec. 2003 to mobilize Carcinoids in Connecticut to make health care providers and the public more aware of and sensitive to the symptoms of Carcinoid Cancer and to provide support to those with Carcinoid Cancer and their caregivers.

Bob lives in Lyme CT is now married to the former Marilyn Rubitski and they have 8 children and 15 grandchildren.