



Stephen J. Minutolo

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Steve Minutolo assumed the duties of Chief, Auxiliary Administration Branch in the Auxiliary Division of the Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety at Coast Guard Headquarters in 2004 having just retired from 23 years of Coast Guard active duty. A native of Lindenhurst, New York, he graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science. He served subsequent afloat tours of duty as a Deck Watch Officer in USCGC ALERT (WMEC 630) in Cape May, New Jersey (1981-1983), as Operations Officer in USCGC VIGOROUS (WMEC 627) in New London, Connecticut (1986-1989), and as Commanding Officer of USCGC JEFFERSON ISLAND (WPB 1430) in Portland, Maine (1991-1993). His shore tours included Duty Officer in the Seventh District Command Center in Miami, Florida (1983-1986), Operating Expense Appropriations Coordinator in the Coast Guard Headquarters Office of Budget and Programs (CG-CPA) in Washington, DC (1993-1996), Coast Guard Security Assistance Liaison to U.S. Atlantic Command (J5) in Norfolk, Virginia (1996-1997), Chief of the U.S. Military Liaison Office to the Eastern Caribbean in Bridgetown, Barbados (1997-1999), and as Director of Auxiliary for the Fifth District (Northern Region) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1999-2004).



While on active duty, he earned several awards including two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Coast Guard Commendation Medal. He also earned a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Rhode Island (1989-1991) and a Master's in Healthcare Administration from Stratford University (2015-2017).

He has been an active vessel examiner and instructor in the Coast Guard Auxiliary since enrolling in 2002, is a member of the Board of Directors for his townhouse community in Springfield, Virginia, and umpires in Northern Virginia's youth and adult slow-pitch/fast-pitch softball leagues.

He is married to the former Debra Dolich of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and has three children: Christine, Pete, and Max. Christine is a social worker in Arlington, Virginia. Pete is an accountant and auditor for Deloitte in Stuttgart, Germany. Max is a recent graduate of the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia.