

Short Bio for *Commander John D. Hooper, USCG* (Ret)



Commander Hooper is a native of Chagrin Falls, Ohio and is third generation Coast Guardsman. He is a 1979 graduate of Massachusetts Maritime Academy, commissioned as an Ensign and served for 32 years. He is a career Cutterman having served aboard USCGC “Vigilant”, USCGC “Bibb”, USCGC “Gallatin”, and USCGC “Dallas” conducting search and rescue, counter-drug operations, fisheries enforcement, and naval operations in the Atlantic, Caribbean, N. European waters and Mediterranean. He served ashore with the U.S. Navy in four tours (Military Sealift Command, Atlantic/N3; Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 208; Tactical Training Group, Atlantic; and USN Fleet Training Center Earle, NJ). He also served at USCG Headquarters (Defense Operations/Planning), the Joint Chiefs of Staff/J8, DHS Headquarters (Operations/IMPT), and was the first CG Liaison Officer to the National Guard Bureau.

He holds three Master’s Degrees in Military Studies/National Security Affairs from the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI, American Military University, Manassas, VA, and the Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario.

He holds a USCG unlimited tonnage, Oceans, Master’s license.

He is married 47 years with three grown children (2 are active duty Coast Guard) and six grandchildren.

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