



Acquisition Directorate

Program Executive Officer

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Rear Admiral John Korn assumed duties as the U.S. Coast Guard's Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO) on May 5, 2011, following a two-year assignment as the service's Program Executive Officer (PEO). As CAO, he directs efforts across all Coast Guard acquisition programs and related procurement management, contracting, and research and development activities to execute the service's approximately \$30 billion acquisition investment portfolio.

In his previous assignment as PEO, he oversaw the execution of all Coast Guard acquisition programs and projects, which provides for the sustainment, modernization and recapitalization of surface, air, command and control, and logistics assets for the Coast Guard's multiple maritime missions.

He served in a variety of operational and staff tours during his career, including Chief of Staff of the Eighth Coast Guard District, the first Commander of Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi, Commanding Officer of Air Station Corpus Christi, Chief of Search and Rescue for the Eighth Coast Guard District, Commanding Officer of Air Station New Orleans, and Engineering Officer of both Air Station Houston and Aviation Training Center Mobile. He also served as the Chief, Inventory Management Branch at the Aircraft Repair and Supply Center (AR&SC). He attained pilot qualifications on the HH-52A, HH-3F, HH-60J, HH-65A/B and the HU-25 and attained a Civilian Airline Transport Rating.

A native of northern New Jersey, Rear Adm. Korn graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in ocean engineering. He received a master's degree in industrial administration from Purdue University's Krannert School of Management in 1989. He also completed the Advanced Management Program at the National Defense University in 2000, receiving a Chief Information Officer's Certificate and is a 2004 graduate of the Naval War College Fleet Seminar Program. His military awards include two Legions of Merit and six Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals.