



***Rear Admiral Michael "Mike" Rodriguez, USMS
Superintendent***

**Texas A&M Maritime Academy, Galveston, Texas
GSC Board Member Since 2017**

BIO:

RADM Mike Rodriguez is a 1979 graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. After graduation, he sailed as a ship's officer aboard US-flag vessels for 17 years.

In 1995 Mike began his career ashore as an application engineer with Nautical Technology Corporation (NTC) in New York. At NTC, Mike worked in sales, training, and technical support for the company's distributed database system, *NTC Ship Manager*. This software offered off-the-shelf solutions for ship owners in areas including purchasing, inventory, maintenance schedules, crew assignments and payroll.

In 1997, Mike returned to Kings Point as an Academy Training Representative. His responsibilities included supervising the shipboard assignments and training of hundreds of the Academy's midshipmen. He also taught undergraduate business and several courses in maritime operations to military and industry professionals through the Academy's continuing education program.

In February 2001, Mike joined the headquarters staff at the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (MM&P) as Executive Assistant to the International President.

At MM&P, Mike was responsible for representing the organization during contract negotiations, and in several forums including the International Maritime Organization, the International Labor Organization, the Office of the US Trade Representative, and several federal advisory panels on maritime subjects.

In 2009, Mike joined the Senior Professional Staff of the House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. During his tenure on the Hill, the *Deepwater Horizon* casualty occurred, and Congress passed, and the President signed, a sweeping Coast Guard bill that addressed several aspects of the Coast Guard's operations and maritime safety.

Mike serves as a Captain in the Navy Reserve. In 2006, Mike and several other reservists were deployed in support of special operations in the Indian Ocean. From 2011 through 2014, Mike served in several active duty assignments supporting military sealift and maritime security.

Following his active service, Mike was appointed as the Deputy Maritime Administrator in the Department Transportation's, Maritime Administration (MARAD). At MARAD, Mike was responsible for developing US maritime policy, proposing legislation, and outreach to the maritime industry and its stakeholders.

In January 2017, Mike became the 15th Superintendent of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy in Galveston where he is responsible for the education and training of 500 Cadets.