

## **Captain Michael G. Ahern, SC, USN**

### **Office of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition**

Captain Ahern received his commission through Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island in 1980. His first tour, he served as Assistant Supply Officer aboard the USS BUCHANAN (DDG 14). After his initial sea tour, he attended the Navy Physical Distribution and Management School in Oakland, California. Upon completion of school he was assigned to the Navy Cargo Handling and Port Group, Williamsburg, Virginia, as the Cargo Officer.

In 1986, Captain Ahern was ordered to the USS DETROIT (AOE 4) as the Cargo Officer, and then subsequently completed his department head tour as Supply Officer, USS SCOTT (DDG 995). His next tour he was assigned to the Defense Logistics Agency's Defense Electronics Supply Center in Dayton, Ohio. From 1991 to 1994, he first served as the Deputy Director of Contracts and later headed the center's first Commodity Management Group.

Captain Ahern was assigned to overseas duty from 1994 to 1996, at the Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Guam. Initially assigned as Freight Terminal Director, he later served as the Customer Service Director. Captain Ahern then reported to Naval Air Systems Command for a three year tour in the V-22 Program Office as the Deputy Program Manager for Business and Financial Management.

In 2000, Captain Ahern was ordered to the USNS CONCORD (T-AFS 5) as the Officer-in-Charge, and after an East Coast to West Coast ship swap served as the Officer-in-Charge USNS SPICA (T-AFS 9). Captain Ahern is currently assigned to the Office of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Captain Ahern is a member of the Navy Acquisition Professional Community, Society of Logistics Engineers, a Certified Public Logistician and holds the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio
- Masters of Science in Management (Logistics and Systems Inventory Management) from the Navy Postgraduate School, Monterey, California
- Masters of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, DC.