

THE FRIENDS OF FORT TRUMBULL PRESENT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY



As the final speaker in the 2014 program- “The Whaling City: Past, Present, and Future”- the Friends of Fort Trumbull S.P. proudly present Rear Adm. Sandra L. Stosz, Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy in New London. Although New London’s name no longer is carried around the world by intrepid whaling crews, now, its name is carried forth by the men and women of the Coast Guard, whose officers have been trained at the Coast Guard Academy in New London. The Coast Guard is the embodiment of New London’s past, present, and future. Rear Adm. Stosz will speak on “The U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London: Locally Relevant, Nationally Prominent”.

Rear Adm. Stosz has set many precedents in her career. A 1982 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, Stosz also holds a Master of Business Administration from Northwestern University. In 1990, while a Coast Guard lieutenant, Stosz became the first woman to command a Coast Guard cutter in the Great Lakes. She spent about 12 years at sea, fulfilling her longtime goal to command both an ice-breaking tug and a medium –endurance cutter in the North Atlantic and the Caribbean.

In 2010, she was chosen by the (then) Commandant of the United States Coast Guard ADM Robert J. Papp, to become the first woman to lead a United States military service academy, when she became the 40th Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy.

Rear Admiral Stosz has stated that her goals during her tenure have been to promote diversity in the student body and to strengthen the relationship between the academy and the maritime industry. She has said, "Those partnerships, hopefully, can only improve the Coast Guard's visibility, and can also ensure that anybody in America, wherever he or she might live, will have the opportunity to hear about the Coast Guard Academy-a tremendous education, paid for by the government."

The presentation will take place on Thursday, October 30, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the Fort Trumbull Conference Center. The public is invited, but seating is limited. New members are always welcome. Refreshments will follow the program.