

LANTAREA Commander Pledges Continued Support Overseas

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. -- Coast Guard Vice Adm. D. Brian Peterman, Atlantic Area (LANTAREA) Commander, visited U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Jan. 4, for his first operational update on the Coast Guard's involvement in maritime security operations in the Persian Gulf and in the CENTCOM area of responsibility since he assumed command of LANTAREA in May 2006.



Coast Guard Vice Adm. D. Brian Peterman, Atlantic Area Commander, receives an overview brief on Coast Guard activities overseas from Navy Vice Adm. David Nichols, Deputy Commander of U.S. Central Command. Coast Guard photograph by PA1 Tasha Tully, PADET St. Petersburg, Fla.

Peterman received an overview of Coast Guard operations from several department heads including Vice Adm. David Nichols, U.S. Navy, and Deputy Commander of U.S. Central Command.

"I don't think that America understands the key role that the U.S. Coast Guard plays around the world in the Global War on Terrorism," stated Nichols. "The Coast Guard is heavily involved with Maritime Security Operations in the Persian Gulf. The Coast Guard is making a big difference and we appreciate their support."

CENTCOM is headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., and is comprised of members from all five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

CENTCOM's area of responsibility consists of 27 nations including Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan. Currently, there are more than 300 Coast Guard members serving in-theater aboard seven Coast Guard cutters.

"Today's visit was great," said Peterman. "The Coast Guard is proud to support the Global War on Terrorism and we'll continue to do so in the future."

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