

WILLIAM L. ZACK



Bill Zack came to USCGA after graduating from McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, New York. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management with High Honors and received a Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award and the Cadet Finance Award. Bill earned four varsity letters as a coxswain on the rowing team, and notably attended an Olympic Development Camp during his sophomore summer and competed in the Pan American Games trials the summer before graduating.

Ensign Zack's first duty assignment was as Operations Officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter WALNUT in Long Beach, California. He then served as Commanding Officer of LORAN Station Estartit, Spain. After attending Yale School of Management to get his MBA, he was assigned to the faculty at the Coast Guard Academy. Highlights included serving as Confidential Assistant to the Federal Maritime Commissioner, Instructor Afloat on the Barque Eagle's voyage to Australia, and freshman rowing coach. He then returned to Long Beach, California as Chief of Military Personnel for the Eleventh Coast Guard District. LCDR Zack's final assignment, from which he took early retirement, was as the Comptroller of Integrated Support Command Portsmouth, VA. During his career he was awarded four Coast Guard Achievement Medals, one Letter of Commendation, one Unit Commendation, and the Federal Maritime Commission Chairman's Honor Award.

Bill Zack followed his passion for coaching rowing while serving on active duty as well as for his second career. He has been a part of ten different U. S. national rowing teams, highlighted by his being named as Assistant Team Leader for the 1996 U.S. Rowing Olympic Team for the Atlanta Games. In addition to his involvement with the senior and junior national teams, Coach Zack spent 25 years coaching NCAA Division I women's rowing teams. This included stints as the head coach at San Diego State University, University of Portland, and Sacramento State University and as an assistant coach at UCLA. Rowing leadership positions included President of the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association and the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association. He was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal while assigned to D11 and was inducted into the USCGA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017.

Bill resides in San Diego and remains involved in the sport of rowing and Class of 1980 activities.

