

CHRISTINE J. QUEDENS

Christine J. Quedens, reported to the Academy in 1976 one week after graduating high school in Berlin, Connecticut. She majored in mathematics and was a cheerleader and member of the first women's gymnastics team. Ensign Quedens served as a Deck Watch Officer onboard the Coast Guard Cutter MUNRO in Honolulu, Hawaii. She served as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Cutters CAPE CROSS and AQUIDNECK and Commander of Training Quota Management Center. From 1984 through 1988, she was an instructor in the Nautical Science Department at the United States Coast Guard Academy. She also served as a Deck Watch Officer onboard the United States Coast Guard Barque EAGLE from 1984 to 1988 during various summer cadet training cruises including OPSAIL 1986 and as Navigator on the return voyage from Australia in 1988. She served in varied operational and planning staff assignments including Director of Auxiliary, Assistant Chief of Search and Rescue and Liaison Officer and advisor to Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command following the attacks of 9/11.

Captain Quedens was the last of the women of the Women of '80 to retire. She completed 30 years of commissioned service. Her Military awards include Meritorious Service, Coast Guard and Navy Commendation and Achievement Medals. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from USCGA, a Master's in Public Administration from Troy State University and a Master's in Strategic Studies and National Security from the Naval War College. Post Coast Guard career she was employed by General Dynamics Information Technology at the Joint and Coalition Warfighting Center in Suffolk, VA and worked part time as an Income Tax Preparer for Jackson Hewitt, fully retiring in 2019.

Christine resides in The Villages, Florida with her rescue dogs Mango and Zoe. Her hobbies include golf, pickleball, bicycling, water volleyball, dragon boat paddling, cardio drumming, playing MahJongg and pilates. She is the proud mom whose son is currently serving in the U.S. Navy.

