

TAMI ROSE GOODWIN

When asked how long she was in the Coast Guard, Tami has three answers: 20 years towards retirement; 24 years including her time at the Academy, and, her favorite, "All me bloomin' life!" encompassing her years as a CG brat, on active duty, and finally as a retiree.

Tami graduated with a degree in Mathematical Sciences. Her best memories at CGA come from being on the Pistol Team, serving as assistant/manager for four years. She also sailed in Barque EAGLE every summer. Later, as an OCS instructor, she championed the use of EAGLE for OCS cruises and qualified as underway OOD, under power and sail, an accomplishment of which she is particularly proud.

Upon graduation, Tami was assigned to USCGC Decisive as a Deck Watch Officer. From there, she was selected to serve as Commanding Officer of Loran Station Port Clarence, an isolated station north of

Nome, Alaska, where she was the first woman CO and only woman of 29 members at the unit. Following that, she served in the D13 OPCEN as a Watch Commander and then was the Assistant School Chief and instructor at OCS in Yorktown, VA. While there, she was assigned to the Women in the CG Study Team and developed the group's signature program: The Care of Newborn Children/Parental Leave. This is the legacy of which she is most proud. After OCS, she earned her MBA at the College of William and Mary and returned to RTC Yorktown as the CGES and MWR Division Chief.

Tami served as Chief Financial Officer of the Coast Guard Support Center on Governor's Island, where she was subsequently named Coast Guard Comptroller of the Year for achievement during the closure of one of the Coast Guard's largest facilities. She rounded out her career serving on the Atlantic Area staff in Portsmouth, VA. Tami's awards include Meritorious Service, Commendation, and Achievement Medals, and three Letters of Commendation.

CDR Goodwin retired after twenty years of service and resides in Wisconsin, where she has volunteered her financial skills as treasurer of several organizations over the years. She was also the owner of a chocolate production business, creating hand-made artisan truffles for retail and wholesale. She and her husband, Steve, a retired Coast Guard CWO4, have four children between them and eight grandchildren. They live with a view of the water on the shores of Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh.

