

**RADM Michael S. Devany, NOAA**  
**Director, NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps**  
**Director, NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations**

Rear Admiral Michael S. Devany is the Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps and NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO), which is the operational arm of NOAA. RADM Devany was appointed by Acting Secretary of Commerce Rebecca M. Blank on August 13, 2012, after nomination for the position by President Barack H. Obama, confirmation by the U.S. Senate, and subsequent promotion by the Secretary to the rank of rear admiral. He is a graduate of the NOAA Leadership Competencies Development Program and the Harvard Senior Managers in Government program.

As Director, RADM Devany is responsible for the safe, efficient and effective operation of the agency's fleet of research and survey ships and aircraft, as well as guiding the 311 uniformed officers and about 1,000 civilian personnel assigned to the NOAA Corps and the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations.

RADM Devany has enjoyed a diverse career centered around the sea. A member of the NOAA Commissioned Corps since January 1990, RADM Devany has served aboard six NOAA ships; *Chapman*, *Discoverer*, *Miller Freeman*, and *Hi'ialakai* in various capacities, and as Commanding Officer of NOAA Ships *Oscar Elton Sette* and *John N. Cobb*. These vessels were involved in fisheries and oceanographic research operations in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf of Mexico. Prior to transferring to NOAA, RADM Devany served as a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer aboard the destroyer USS JOHN YOUNG (DD-973) in the Pacific and Arabian Gulf.

Ashore, RADM Devany has served in a variety of staff, scientific, and management positions in NOAA Fisheries, Oceans and Atmospheric Research, Marine and Aviation Operations, and Ocean Service offices. He has spent a majority of his career working in assignments that directly interfaced with state and other federal agencies, using his project management and consensus building skills to achieve program objectives.

Early in his career, shore assignments included operational research on deep ocean hydrothermal vents, Restoration Project Manager with the NOAA Restoration Center, and a staff assignment with the NOAA Fisheries Southwest Region coordinating habitat restoration planning. RADM Devany completed a tour as the Department of Commerce Regional Response Team Representative, on issues concerning oil and hazardous chemical spills, homeland security, and Trust resource responsibilities. RADM Devany has spent the last several years in senior Fleet operational positions, most recently as Commanding Officer, Marine Operations Center – Atlantic, and Director, Marine Operations Center.

RADM Devany has been recognized for his outstanding performance of duties, receiving multiple NOAA Special Achievement Awards and the NOAA Corps Commendation Medals. Additionally, while serving in the U.S. Navy he received the Navy Achievement Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in the Persian Gulf. RADM Devany is a NOAA Diver, a bearer of the NOAA Deck Officer Insignia, and holds a USCG 1,600 gross ton Master, Oceans license.

RADM Devany received a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington in Biology, a masters degree from the University of South Florida in Environmental Health, and a graduate certificate from City University in Project Management.

RADM Devany is the son of Jim and Shirley Devany from Joyce, Washington, and he and his wife Tracy Bishop currently reside in Virginia with their three boys: Brendan, Kieran and Colin.