

Maritime Administration – Key Officials

Kevin M. Tokarski, Associate Administrator for Strategic Sealift



Kevin Tokarski was selected to serve in the Senior Executive Service in 2008, as Associate Administrator with responsibilities for about 300 staff members managing strategic sealift programs that include: government-owned capabilities in the Ready Reserve Force and National Defense Reserve Fleet; cargo and commercial sealift capabilities in the Maritime Security Program and through cargo preference programs; Emergency Preparedness & Response; Ship Disposal; and supporting the Nation's seven maritime academies and workforce development. He also supports civil emergency planning for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as the Chairman of the Transport Group – Ocean Shipping.

Since 1985, Mr. Tokarski held a variety of assignments spanning different aspects of ship operations, from mobilization and sealift, to readiness and security, and marine transportation and domestic emergency response. Notable assignments included attending the Naval War College; Liaison Officer to U.S. Transportation Command (1996-1998); detail to MARAD's San Francisco regional office; Operations Chief overseeing the largest and longest deployment of the agency's ships supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM & IRAQI FREEDOM, and the 2005-6 FEMA support following Hurricanes KATRINA and RITA with 9 agency ships and the agency's response with 3 ships in New York City following Super Storm SANDY, and 4 ships in Puerto Rico & US Virgin Islands following Hurricanes HARVEY and MARIA; senior executive overseeing the CAPE RAY mission to destroy 600 tons of Syria's chemical weapons agents in 2014. He is the program executive for the new National Security Multi-mission Vessel Program.