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Admiral Rick Brennan joined the NOAA Corps in January 1992 after graduating from the Citadel, in Charleston, SC with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Over his 25 years with NOAA Captain Brennan has served on nearly every hydrographic ship in the NOAA fleet, and most recently as Commanding Officer of NOAA Ship *Rainier*. He has also served on Navigation Response Teams, NOAA Vessel Bay Hydrographer, and as a member of the science team aboard the USCG Ice Breaker *Healy*. While ashore Captain Brennan pursued a Master of Science degree in Ocean Engineering at the University of New Hampshire's Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping and has served across Coast Survey including time as Chief of the Hydrographic Systems and Technology Program, Chief of the Atlantic Hydrographic Branch (AHB), Chief of the Coast Survey Development Laboratory, and as a senior policy advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction. His current position is the Chief of the Hydrographic Surveys Division where he manages three branches that oversee all aspects of ocean mapping projects including planning, contract administration, data quality assurance and control, and cartographic compilation.



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