

RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA) Invites you to its meeting, January 31, 2024, at 11 am at First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT.

The program will also be shown on Zoom: https://bit.ly/30IBj21

Vice Admiral Joanna M. Nunan 14th Superintendent of the United States Merchant Marine Academy

"After 80 Years the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy Looks to the Future"



Established in 1943, the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) at King's Point, Long Island, New York, is one of our Nation's five federal service academies. This federally-run service academy educates and trains students to serve as officers in the U.S. merchant marine, all branches of the armed forces, and the transportation industry. Civilian and federally-owned merchant vessels, which are key to the U.S. economy, serve as an auxiliary to the Navy in times of war. Many of these vessels are commanded by USMMA graduates. All graduates serve as commissioned officers in the Armed Forces and have the

option of serving five years in the maritime industry with eight years of service as an officer in any reserve unit of the Armed Forces, or five years on active duty.

The Academy's unique Sea Year experience augments its challenging coursework, providing midshipmen the opportunity to acquire hands-on, real-world experiences aboard working commercial or military vessels sailing to ports around the world.

In 2022 Vice Admiral Joanna Nunan was appointed as the first female superintendent of the USMMA. Previously she spent more than three decades in the U.S. Coast Guard, commanding units at multiple levels both afloat and ashore. Her last two flag officer assignments were Coast Guard Deputy for Personnel Readiness and Assistant Commandant for Human Resources. In the latter role, she helped spearhead efforts to expand diversity and inclusion in the Coast Guard, including formulating policy changes focusing on increasing the retention of women in the service. She also served as a member of the Coast Guard's Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery Committee. Prior to that she served more than nine years at sea and was commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District, where she oversaw operations in the Great Lakes. She is a native of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Our next speaker, on February 7, will be Josh Wright, Executive Director of ideas42, on "Moving beyond nudges: The role of behavioral science in solving

some of the most complex social and economic issues of our time."

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at **10:40 am** followed promptly by our presentation at **11:00 am**. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave. in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org.