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Rick brings over 35 years of distinguished service and experience with aviation/maritime operations, logistics/supply chain management, strategic planning, and organizational change management. RADM Gromlich retired from the Coast Guard in 2016 after 33 years of distinguished service. In his final tour of duty, he served as Commander of the 13th Coast Guard District in Seattle, WA where he was responsible for all Coast Guard operations throughout the Pacific. The Thirteenth District includes the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, more than 4,400 miles of coastline, 600 miles of inland waterways, and a 125 nm international border with Canada. In addition to maintaining operational control over all Coast Guard activities in the district, he was responsible for cultivating efficient and effective relationships with numerous other federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, the tribal nations located in the Pacific Northwest, and with the Coast Guard's international counterparts.

As a rotary-wing aviator, RADM Gromlich's operational and command tours of duty included Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Aircraft Repair and Supply Center (ARSC), now the Aviation Logistics Center, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Executive Officer of Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts; and Aeronautical Engineering Officer at Air Station Savannah, Georgia. He also served as the Inventory Manager, Chief of the Logistics Support Branch and Chief of the Engineering and Industrial Support Division at ARSC.

To supplement his operational background, RADM Gromlich substantially improved the Coast Guard's operational readiness and integrated support services system during multiple logistical tours which included assignment as the Coast Guard's first Director of Operational Logistics (DOL), Director of the Mission Support Integration Office (DCMS-5), Chief of the Office of Logistics (CG-44), and Director of the Logistics Transformation Program Integration Office (LTPIO).