



Rear Adm. Stephen W. Rochon

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Rear Adm. Stephen Rochon is a retired officer with almost 40 years of public service. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1970 and was promoted up the enlisted and officer ranks, where he developed a background in maritime safety and intelligence. As commander of Maintenance and Logistics-Atlantic, he was responsible for naval engineering and financial management across forty U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. He also served as the Coast Guard director of personnel management where he provided support for Coast Guard personnel following the 2005 hurricanes, ensuring they had housing and new job assignments. On retirement in 2007, he was named director of the Executive Residence and usher at the White House by former president George W. Bush. The first African American to hold the position, he ran the executive mansion for four years for presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, executing all major events at the White House and preserving the nation's most historic house.