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Quick Facts

- Rear Admiral Sandra Stosz is the first woman to lead a United States Military Academy.
- Her visit will be Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. in Dina's Place. It is a free cultural event.
- For more information on her visit, contact Katarina Moyon at 803/323-2209 or e-mail her at moyonk@winthrop.edu.



ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Rear Admiral Sandra Stosz**, the first woman to lead a United States Military Academy, will make a special visit to Winthrop University on Thursday, Feb. 6.

In "Leading at All Levels," Stosz will discuss meeting your followers at all levels, bringing them to a higher level and the purpose of the West Forum at 11 a.m. in **Dina's Place** located in the DiGiorgio Campus Center. She will also touch on her career in the military. It is a free cultural event and open to the public. Stosz's visit is made possible by the **John C. West Forum on Policy and Politics**.

"We are so pleased to host Admiral Stosz at Winthrop. This is an outstanding opportunity for students to learn from an accomplished woman leader" said **Katarina Moyon**, co-director of the John C. West

Forum on Politics and Policy. The West Forum is co-hosting the event with the **College of Business Administration**.

Stosz became the 40th superintendent of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., in 2011. She was formerly the director of reserve and leadership at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C., where she developed policies to recruit, train and support more than 8,000 Coast Guard reservists. Her personal awards include three Legion of Merit medals, four Meritorious Service medals, two Coast Guard Commendation medals and two Coast Guard Achievement medals.

As a surface operations officer, Stosz brings 12 years of at-sea experience to her role as superintendent, including command of two cutters: an ice-breaking tug on the Great Lakes and a cutter that patrolled the North Atlantic and Caribbean waters. She and her crews conducted many Coast Guard missions involving fisheries enforcement, search and rescue, and drug and alien migrant interdiction.

She also served tours of duty as chief of officer assignments, program reviewer and acquisition funds coordinator for major systems acquisitions; military and executive assistant for the Secretary of Transportation; commanding officer of the Coast Guard's recruit training center; and director of the Coast Guard Enterprise Strategic Management and Doctrine.

Stosz's education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in government from the Coast Guard, a Master of Business Administration from Northwestern University, an executive fellowship in national security through the MIT Seminar XXI program and a master of national security strategy from the National War College.

For more information on her visit, contact Katarina Moyon at 803/323-2209 or e-mail her at

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