

From Cotton Fields to Chaplain of the Coast Guard Chaplain Leroy Gilbert Retires after Change of Watch Ceremony



On 9 May 2002, Chaplain Wilbur "Doug" Douglass relieved Chaplain Leroy Gilbert as Chaplain of the Coast Guard in a Change of Watch ceremony at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington DC. Chaplain Gilbert's retirement ceremony followed. The event was hosted by ADM James Loy, Commandant of the Coast Guard.



Chaplain Gilbert shows a cotton boll while speaking at his retirement ceremony.



Chief of Chaplains, RADM Barry Black, looks on as ADM James Loy, Commandant of the Coast Guard, congratulates Chaplain Gilbert after the Change of Watch.



Chaplain Gilbert's wife, Sharon, and daughter, Jessica, watch as he and Chaplain Douglass cut the ceremonial cake.