



Master Chief Petty Officer William J. Dikun

**First Coast Guard District
Reserve Command Master Chief**

Master Chief Petty Officer William J. Dikun assumed the duties of Reserve Command Master Chief of the First Coast Guard District in July 2002. His primary responsibility is to advise RADM Vivien Crea, Commander, First Coast Guard District on issues and initiatives pertaining to Reserve Coast Guard members and their families. In his most recent assignment, Master Chief Dikun was the Coast Guard liaison to the U.S. Air Force 421st Ground Combat Readiness Squadron at Fort Dix, NJ. The Squadron trains Coast Guard personnel via the *Phoenix Readiness/Raven* courses of instruction.

A native of Point Pleasant, NJ, MCPO Dikun entered the Coast Guard Reserve in October, 1986. His first assignments were to Stations Barnegat Light and Beach Haven, NJ where he obtained Boat Crew and Watchstander qualifications. In January 1991 he was called to active duty and served with PSU 303 in Dammam, Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm. During this deployment he served as a Coxswain, Engineer and Crewman aboard the 22' TPSB. In 1994, MCPO Dikun requested assignment to Port Security Unit 305, which was then forming at Fort Eustis, VA. He remained assigned to the PSU as a Squad Leader in the Unit Security Division, with a myriad of collateral duties, until December 1999. MCPO Dikun has subsequently completed two tours of active duty with PSU 305. One in New York City, NY during 2001 and the other in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 2002. Both deployments were in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Master Chief Dikun is a graduate of the United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy Reserve Class IV and Class 01-B of the United States Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in Montgomery, Alabama. He has completed various military courses of instruction.

In civilian life, MCPO Dikun is the Chief of Police of the Bay Head Police Department (NJ) and is a 1997 graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. He holds a Master of Administrative Science Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University (NJ), a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rowan University (NJ) and several Associates of Arts Degrees from Ocean County (NJ) Community College. Master Chief Dikun is active in his community and is a member of various civic organizations.

His military awards include: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, DOT Gold Medal, four CG Meritorious Unit Commendations with "O" device, CG Bicentennial Unit Commendation, five CG Reserve Good Conduct Awards, two National Defense Service Medals, two CG Special Operations Service Ribbons and the CG Expert Rifle and Pistol Medals.