

SELECTION OF THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE FORCE

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SUBJ: SELECTION OF MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD
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1. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE SELECTION OF BMCM MARK H. ALLEN AS THE NEXT MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE FORCE. HE WILL RELIEVE MCPO-CGRF JEFFREY D. SMITH DURING A CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY ON 15 MAY 2010 AT TISCOM, ALEXANDRIA, VA.
2. BMCM ALLEN CURRENTLY SERVES AS SECTOR JACKSONVILLE'S RESERVE COMMAND MASTER CHIEF AND HAILS FROM FORT WASHINGTON, MD. HE ENLISTED IN THE COAST GUARD IN APRIL 1977 AND HAS SERVED IN THE LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COAST GUARD RESERVE AFFAIRS BRANCH AT CGHQ, STATION ST. INIGOES (MD), STATION WASHINGTON (DC), AND STATION ALEXANDRIA (VA). BMCM ALLEN HAS BEEN RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN RESPONSE TO CONTINGENCIES SUCH AS THE 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS, EL TORO II SINKING, AIR FLORIDA FLIGHT 90 CRASH, AND MARIEL BOAT LIFT. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVIST EDITORIAL BOARD. BMCM ALLEN HAS ALSO BEEN A PERSONAL MENTOR TO ME REGARDING RESERVE AFFAIRS AND HAS PROVEN YOU CAN LEAD FROM ANY LEVEL IN AN ORGANIZATION.
3. BMCM ALLEN HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT TO OUR CORE VALUES OF HONOR, RESPECT, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY BY HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING A 32-YEAR COAST GUARD CAREER.
4. A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING MASTER CHIEFS WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS APPLIED FOR THIS IMPORTANT AND PRESTIGIOUS POSITION. AFTER A REVIEW OF ALL CANDIDATES, THREE FINALISTS WERE CHOSEN FOR INTERVIEWS THIS PAST WEEK. THE NAMES OF ALL APPLICANTS ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY:
PACM THOMAS COWAN FORCECOM RCMC
MECM ERIC JOHNSON SECTOR SAN JUAN CMC
MECM Darrell C. ODOM DOG RCMC
BMCM KENNETH J. ROCHE STA SHINNECOCK
BMCM GEORGE M. WILLIAMSON D5 RCMC
EACH CANDIDATE HAD A STELLAR RECORD AND REPRESENTED THE VERY BEST IN OUR ENLISTED WORK FORCE. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THEM FOR THEIR PAST SERVICE, DEDICATION TO THE COAST GUARD AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE IN THIS POSITION.
5. RELEASED BY ADM THAD ALLEN, COMMANDANT, U.S. COAST GUARD
6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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