



**Master Chief Petty Officer
John M. Litzenberger**

**Seventeenth Coast Guard District (West)
Command Master Chief**

Master Chief John M. Litzenberger, a native of Seattle, WA, entered the Coast Guard in 1983.

Upon completion of recruit training in Cape May, NJ, he reported to his first unit, Station Frankfort, MI, on the shore of Lake Michigan. Upon selecting the rate of Quartermaster and completing "A" school in Orlando, FL, he was assigned to USCGC POLAR STAR (WAGB-10) in Seattle, Washington. After leaving the POLAR STAR in 1997 he transferred to the CGC SASSAFRAS (WLB-388) in Honolulu, HI. Next, Master Chief Litzenberger served four years as an assistant controller at the Eight Coast Guard District in New Orleans, LA. In 1994, he went back afloat as the Operations Petty Officer on board the CGC NAUSHON (WPB-1311) in Ketchikan, AK. Looking to dry out, his next assignment was to the CGC BASSWOOD (WLB-401) home ported in Apra Harbor, Guam.

From 1998-2002 Master Chief Litzenberger was the Operations Center supervisor at Group Portland, OR. Following the rate merger to Boatswain Mate, Master Chief Litzenberger spent the next 5 years in command positions, including Executive Petty Officer of the CGC MATINICUS in Puerto Rico and as the Officer in Charge of the USCGC HAWKSBILL in Monterey, CA. Currently Master Chief Litzenberger serves as the District Seventeen Western Alaskan Command Master Chief. Master

Chief Litzenberger's awards include two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and three Commandant's letter of Commendation. Master Chief Litzenberger has attended many specialized training courses during his career, including the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy, Navy Diving and Salvage school, Maritime Law Enforcement and Search and Rescue school.