



MCPO Dennis Kirk
Atlantic Area Reserve Command
Master Chief

Master Chief Dennis Kirk assumed the duties as the second Reserve Command Master Chief for Atlantic Area on 24 November 2003. He serves as an additional communications link to the LANTAREA Commander, providing input and feedback on various Coast Guard issues and initiatives from Active Duty and Reserve members.

Master Chief Kirk, a native of St. Louis, MO, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in June 1975 and reported for basic training to Recruit Training Command, Orlando, FL. He attended Gunner's Mate "A" School, Great Lakes, IL, served aboard USS Horne CG-30, USS Hawes FFG-53 (Plankowner) and completed assignment as Recruit Company Commander, Great Lakes, IL. In February 1986, he left active duty as a Chief Gunner's Mate.

In June 1986, Master Chief Kirk enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve as a Chief Gunner's Mate. His assignments include Base St. Louis, Marine Safety Office St. Louis, Station Kenosha, Pacific Area Strike Team, Port Security Unit 311 (Plankowner), Pacific Area Small Arms Training Team, Port Security Unit Training Detachment (Plankowner), U. S. Transportation Command and Atlantic Area Operational Forces. In March 2001, Master Chief Kirk returned to active duty serving as Antiterrorism/Force Protection Operations SNCO at U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, IL. He recently completed assignment as Command Master Chief and Force Protection Officer at the Coast Guard Special Missions Training Center, Camp Lejeune, NC.

His personal awards include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal (one gold star), Navy Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal (one bronze star), Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal (four bronze stars), Coast Guard Expert Rifle Medal and Coast Guard Expert Pistol Medal. Master Chief Kirk is a graduate of the Chief Petty Officer Academy (Reserve Class IV).

Master Chief Kirk holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix, San Jose CA. He has held key training and development positions at Abbott Laboratories, Domino Amjet and Diagraph Corporation.