



Master Chief Mark H. Allen

United States Coast Guard

Coast Guard Reserve Force Master Chief



Master Chief Mark H. Allen assumed his duties as the fifth Coast Guard Reserve Force Master Chief May 15, 2010. As the senior reserve enlisted advisor to the Commandant, Master Chief Allen advises him on workforce policies especially those effecting Reservists. He also partners with Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard to advocate for military benefits and entitlements, and serves as the senior reserve enlisted mentor. Master Chief Allen also devotes much time traveling throughout the Coast Guard observing training and communicating with Coast Guardsmen And their families.



At the time of his selection as the fifth Coast Guard Reserve Force Master Chief, Master Chief Allen served as Sector Jacksonville Reserve Command Master Chief in Jacksonville, FL. His previous assignments include Coast Guard Leadership and Professional Development and Coast Guard Reserve Affairs, Washington, DC; Coast Guard Station St. Inigoes, MD; Coast Guard Station Washington, DC; and Coast Guard Station Alexandria, VA. In addition, Master Chief Allen has been recalled to active duty in response to Coast Guard operations that have ranged in size and scope from the Mariel Boat Lift to the Air Florida Flight 90 crash to the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

A native of Takoma Park, MD, Master Chief Allen holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English with a minor in Public Relations from Frostburg State University. He has also completed his coursework toward a Master of Arts degree in Modern Humanities at Frostburg State University.

Master Chief Allen is a graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy (Reserve Class VII); is the second Coast Guard Reservist ever to graduate from the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 102 Gold); and is a graduate of the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Command Master Chief Course.

Master Chief Allen's personal awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal; Coast Guard Achievement Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device; five Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation; six Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medals; two Humanitarian Service Medals; three Armed Forces Reserve Medals with Mobilization Device; Coast Guard Rifleman; and Coast Guard Expert Pistol Medal.