

## **Master Chief Petty Officer Carrie Winningham**

Currently serving as the Reserve Command Master Chief for the Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Master Chief Carrie Winningham began her active duty career on September 28, 1981.

As the Honor Graduate from boot camp in Cape May, New Jersey, Master Chief Winningham first served as a small boat crewmember at Station Islamorada, Florida. She then went to Radioman "A" school in Petaluma, California where she again graduated with top honors. She spent the next five years at one of our nation's busiest search and rescue units, Group Galveston, Texas. From there she completed her initial active duty career at Communications Area Master Station Pacific (CAMSPAC), capped by a temporary duty assignment aboard the CGC Morgenthau, conducting a winter Alaskan Patrol. Following this, Master Chief Winningham joined the Coast Guard Reserve serving at both Reserve Unit and Station Duluth, Minnesota; Group Sault Saint Marie, Michigan; Group Mayport, Florida; National Strike Force-Pacific Strike Team, Novato, California and the Electronic Support Detachment, Petaluma, California. In 2002, Master Chief Winningham was brought back on active duty specifically to assist with the conversion of the old Military Requirements manual and subsequently helped co-author the original Enlisted Professional Military Education course. In 2003, shortly after graduating from Chief Petty Officer Academy class 99, she was selected to become an instructor on the staff as the Chief Petty Officer Academy prepared to consolidate East and West coast schools, doubling their class sizes. She continued in this capacity until selected to serve as the new Reserve Command Master Chief for District Thirteen.

Master Chief Winningham is certified by the Institute for Global Ethics and the Edge Institute and has served as the subject matter expert in both Ethical Fitness and Increasing Human Effectiveness. Master Chief Winningham is currently pursuing her Bachelor's degree as a Health Fitness Specialist. She holds multiple fitness-related certificates, including those of Certified Personal Trainer and Indoor Cycling Instructor. As their West Coast representative, Master Chief Winningham has served on the Cooper Institute's Certification Board since 2005.

Master Chief Winningham has earned numerous military awards throughout her career, including the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation (3 gold stars), and the Commandants Letter of Commendation.

Master Chief Winningham originally hails from Duluth, Minnesota. She is married to Operations Specialist Master Chief Lewis Winningham, and they now call Petaluma, California home. In 2010, their son, Ian, received an International Baccalaureate diploma from Cherokee Trail High School in Aurora, Colorado and is currently attending college at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. In her free time, Master Chief Winningham enjoys hiking, bicycling, canoeing and fiber arts.