



Master Chief Joe Pasqua
United States Coast Guard Reserve



8th District Reserve Command Master Chief

Master Chief Petty Officer Joe Pasqua assumed the Reserve Command Master Chief position at the Coast Guard Eighth District on October 1, 2013. He will represent the District Commander to the Reserve component.

Master Chief Pasqua enlisted on Active Duty in 1988 and shipped out to Loran Station Gesashi, Okinawa. He shipped back to the states in 1990 and spent six months on the CGC Morrow Bay at Yorktown, VA. He attended MST A School in 1990 and traveled to Marine Safety Office (MSO) Morgan City, Louisiana. After cutting his teeth in marine safety he transferred to MSO Puget Sound in 1993. After a great but short tour there he returned to MSO Morgan City in 1995 for another three year tour.



Master Chief Pasqua released from Active Duty in 1998, joined the Reserves and was stationed once again at MSO Morgan City. He was recalled for 9-11 where he completed the first southern Louisiana port security assessment. He was mobilized in 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom where he backfilled MSO Morgan City's decimated workforce. He was mobilized in 2005 for Hurricane Katrina and once again augmented Active Duty forces as Louisiana recovered from the storm. He was assigned as the first Sector New Orleans Reserve Command Master Chief in 2009. He was mobilized in 2010 for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and served as the Liaison Officer at Forward Operating Branch Grand Isle. There he became the VIP liaison and facilitated visits by the President, Commandant, and Governor.

In his civilian job Joe Pasqua is a Port Security Specialist at Marine Safety Unit Morgan City. He maintains the Area Maritime Security Plan and serves as a Command liaison to many partner agencies.

Master Chief Pasqua earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Excelsior College in 2011. He is a graduate of the Chief Petty Officer Academy, Senior Enlisted Leadership Course, and Reserve Component National Security Course. His awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal, Letter of Commendation, Humanitarian Service Medal, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal. Master Chief Pasqua has also published a book on leadership.