



# Master Chief Robert Murphy



## Command Master Chief Joint Interagency Task Force South



Master Chief Petty Officer Murphy assumed the duties of Command Master Chief for the Director of Joint Inter-Agency Task Force South (JIATFS) in June 2009.

Master Chief Murphy was born and raised in Westfield, Massachusetts and joined the Coast Guard in June 1979. Upon graduation from boot camp in Cape May, New Jersey and before attending Aviation “A” School in Elizabeth City, North Carolina he was stationed at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT Fall 1979. Master Chief Murphy graduated from the Aviation Technical Training Center as an Aviation Electrician’s Mate in the summer of 1980. His first aviation assignment was Air Station Kodiak, Alaska. During this tour Master Chief Murphy became an HC-130H Basic Aircrewman and Dropmaster. In 1982, Master Chief Murphy transferred to Air Station Clearwater, Florida, where he honed his skills as an Aviation Electrician’s Mate and became an HC-130H Loadmaster. In 1987 Master Chief Murphy transferred to Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii. During this tour he received training at Altus Air Force Base and Little Rock Air Force Base to become a C-130 Flight Engineer. In 1990 Master Chief Murphy transferred to Air Station Sacramento, California, where he obtained his FAA Air Frame and Power Plant License. In 1995 he transferred again to Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii. While stationed at Barbers Point Master Chief Murphy acquired his Professional Flight Engineer’s License from the FAA. In 1999 Master Chief Murphy transferred to Air Station Clearwater. Working very diligently, he completed the U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy in New London, Spring 2000, Class LXVIII, received his General Radiotelephone Operator License from the Federal Communications Commission in March 2006 and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in May 2007. In August 2007 Master Chief Murphy was assigned to the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center Mobile, Alabama as the Leading Chief Petty Officer where he supervised over 295 enlisted aircrew and support members. While at ATC Mobile Master Chief Murphy completed the U.S. Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course, Class 01-09, Fall 2008 in New London, CT and the Keystone Command Senior Enlisted Leaders/Joint Operations Module Course, Class 09-1.

During his aviation career Master Chief Murphy has logged just under 5000 flight hours on HC-130H aircraft.

Master Chief Murphy’s personal awards include a Coast Guard Commendation Medal for Hurricane Katrina and Rita, a Coast Guard Commendation Medal for his work at Aviation Training Center Mobile, AL. Master Chief Murphy has also received two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and a Coast Guard Letter of Commendation.