



Master Chief Russell G. Lockey

United States Coast Guard Reserve

13th Coast Guard District Reserve Command Master Chief



Master Chief Russell G. Lockey assumed the duties as Reserve Command Master Chief, District Thirteen, on 1 October 2012. His primary responsibility is to advise Rear Admiral Keith A. Taylor, the Commander of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District, on issues and initiatives pertaining to Coast Guard Reserve members and their families within the District. The Thirteenth District includes 4 states in the Pacific Northwest, with more than 4,400 miles of coastline from Southern Oregon to the Canadian border and 600 miles of inland waterways.

Master Chief Lockey enlisted in the Coast Guard in December 1985 and served for a year with the Ceremonial Honor Guard before attending Officer Candidate School. Upon graduation, Master Chief Lockey was assigned to USCGC FIREBUSH (WLB-393) where he served as Communications Officer, Navigator, and Operations officer. After completing tours at Coast Guard Headquarters and at the Seventeenth District Aids to Navigation and Waterways Management Branch, Master Chief Lockey resigned his commission to further his education. In 2001, Master Chief Lockey chose to continue serving his country and decided to enlist in the Coast Guard Reserve. Upon re-enlisting, Master Chief Lockey was assigned to Group Hampton Roads where he served as a SAR Controller until being assigned to Station Washington DC in January 2005, where he served as the unit's first SERA, a position he held until taking a long term ADOS assignment in December 2010 with the Seventeenth Coast Guard District Bridge Administration Branch conducting navigability determinations for waterways along the proposed Alaska Natural Gas pipeline route. Master Chief Lockey is a proud graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy Reserve Class **XX**.



Master Chief Lockey's personal awards include one Coast Guard Commendation Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device, one Coast Guard Achievement Medal, two Commandant's Letter of Commendation ribbons with Operational Distinguishing Device, three Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medals, and the Advanced Boat Force Operations Insignia.

Master Chief Lockey, a native of Jackson, Mississippi, holds a BA in Economics from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee; a Master of Public Administration from the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau, Alaska; and a JD from the Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, Mississippi. Master Chief Lockey is licensed to practice law in both Mississippi and Virginia.

I am proud to have been selected to serve as the next Reserve Command Master Chief for the Thirteenth Coast Guard District. Although I currently live and work in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, I did spend some time in D13 when I was on active duty, and thoroughly enjoyed it. While assigned to USCGC FIREBUSH (WLB-393) many years ago, the ship spent eight months being re-engined in Bellingham, Washington, which gave me the opportunity to spend some time in the Seattle area. I also made several trips to the shipyard in Coos Bay, Oregon, as a member of the Seventeenth District Ready for Operations Inspection Team ensuring that buoy tenders completing yard periods were ready to transit home safely.

For the past year and a half, I have been assigned to CG-551 at Coast Guard Headquarters, working on navigability determinations for a proposed gas pipeline in Alaska. Although this has been a fantastic assignment, I have been somewhat out of touch with the drilling reserves while on ADOS. I look forward to spending more time in the Pacific Northwest while serving the reservist and their families throughout D13 and ensuring that their needs and concerns are presented to Rear Admiral Keith A. Taylor, the Commander of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District.