



## **Master Chief Stephen Dykema** *United States Coast Guard*

5<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District



Master Chief Stephen Dykema assumed his duties as the Command Master Chief for the 5<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District June 25, 2010. As the senior enlisted advisor to the District Commander, Master Chief Dykema advises him on workforce policies, is the senior enlisted mentor, and acts as the sounding board for select administrative actions and initiatives relative to the day to day operations of units throughout the District and their impact on the work force. Master Chief Dykema also devotes much time traveling throughout the 5<sup>th</sup> District visiting units, meeting with the crews, observing operational evolutions, and communicating with Coast Guardsmen and their families.



At the time of his selection as the 5<sup>th</sup> District Command Master Chief, he served as the Coast Guard's first-ever Enlisted Program Reviewer at Coast Guard Headquarters. In this job, he served as an executive agent for senior Coast Guard leadership to provide program review to address resource, policy, and programming needs within the Coast Guard. Master Chief Dykema's other assignments include the 13<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District; USCGC RED OAK, homeported in Philadelphia, PA; Coast Guard Group Charleston, SC; USCGC MADRONA, homeported in Charleston, SC; Recruit Company Commander Duty at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, NJ; USCGC DALLAS, homeported in Charleston, SC; Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown, VA; and assignment as the Recruit Battalion Commander at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, NJ.

Master Chief Dykema is a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer's Academy, and has completed numerous service related schools.

Master Chief Dykema's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and numerous other personal and service awards, including selection as the Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year in 1998. He has earned a permanent cutterman insignia and Recruit Company Commander insignia.