



Master Chief James H. Bach

Command Master Chief 9th Coast Guard District
United States Coast Guard



Master Chief James Bach has served as Command Master Chief, Ninth Coast Guard District since assuming the role in April 2016. His Primary responsibility is to advise Rear Admiral June Ryan, Ninth Coast Guard District commander, on issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard members and their families. The Ninth District encompasses eight states, 1,500 miles of international border, and a workforce of more than 6,000 Coast Guard active duty, Reserve, civilian and auxiliary men and women. Most recently, Master Chief Bach served as the Command Master Chief for Coast Guard Command, Control, Communications, Computers & Information Technology Service Center (C4IT SC) headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia.



After completing basic training in Cape May, New Jersey, in March 1989, Master Chief Bach served aboard the Coast Guard Cutter THETIS (Key West, Florida) for a year before attending Radarman "A" school in Yorktown, Virginia. Other assignments include Coast Guard Cutter SHERMAN (Alameda, California), Joint Inter-Agency Task Force East (Key West, Florida), Coast Guard Cutter RUSH (Honolulu, Hawaii), Radarman "A" school instructor (Yorktown, Virginia), Coast Guard Cutter JARVIS (Honolulu, Hawaii), Command Center Supervisor Sector St. Petersburg (St. Petersburg, Florida), Communications Area Master Station Pacific (Pt. Reyes, California), and Command Center Watchstander Course Instructor (Yorktown, Virginia).

Master Chief Bach is a 2000 graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy Class LXXV, Senior Enlisted Leadership Course, Senior Joint Professional Military Education Course, and is currently enrolled in Excelsior University in pursuit of a Bachelor of Art in Business Administration and Management.

Master Chief Bach's awards include: Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals with "O" device, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals with "O" device, Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation and numerous other personal and service awards.

Master Chief Bach hails from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and is married to Melissa Bach (U.S. Navy retired).