



## Master Chief Charles R. Bushey

### Command Master Chief, Coast Guard Atlantic Area



Master Chief Bushey assumed the duties of Command Master Chief of Atlantic Area on May 15, 2014, where he serves as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for all U.S. Coast Guard missions from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf, spanning across five Coast Guard Districts and 40 states. Prior to being selected for his current assignment, Master Chief Bushey served as the Command Master Chief for the Eleventh Coast Guard District in Alameda, California.

Master Chief enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on March 4, 1991 in Mobile, Alabama. Upon completion of basic training, he was assigned to Coast Guard Station Quillayute River in La Push, Washington. After advancing to Boatswains Mate Third Class, he was assigned to Coast Guard Station Grand Isle, Louisiana, where he served as Boat Coxswain and Boarding Officer. In 1996, he was selected and assigned to Tactical Law Enforcement Team Gulf – Law Enforcement Detachment Eight Bravo (Mobile, Alabama), where he served as Deployable Team Leader and Boarding Officer for Counter Narcotics Deployments in the Eastern Pacific, Caribbean Sea, and North Atlantic Ocean aboard U. S. and Allied Naval Ships. His subsequent tours of duty include: Operations Petty Officer aboard USCGC POINT LOBOS (WPB 82366), Pensacola, Florida; Executive Petty Officer aboard USCGC POINT LOBOS (WPB 82366), Pensacola, Florida; Executive Petty Officer USCGC BONITO (WPB 87341), Pensacola, Florida; Officer in Charge of CG Station Maui, Hawaii; Officer in Charge of CG Station Venice, Louisiana; and Officer in Charge of USCGC SAWFISH (WPB 87357), Key West, Florida.



Master Chief Bushey's awards and decorations include two Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals (with 'O' Device), four Coast Guard Commendation Medals (with 'O' Device), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (with 'O' Device), the Coast Guard Letter of Commendation (with 'O' Device), the Permanent Cutterman's Insignia, Coxswain Insignia, Tactical Law Enforcement Insignia, Coast Guard Boat Force (Advanced) Insignia, and various other awards and decorations.

Master Chief Bushey is a 2008 graduate of Saint Leo University, earning a Bachelor's Degree (Cum Laude) in Criminal Justice. He is also a graduate of the Coast Guards Maritime Law Enforcement Academy, Chief Petty Officer Academy (Class 118), Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (SELC), and the National Defense University's Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (SEJPME) and Command Senior Enlisted Leader - KEYSTONE Course.

Master Chief Bushey was born outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and moved to Pensacola, Florida as a high school student. Master Chief has been married for 23 years to the former Amy Carter of Pensacola, Florida. They are blessed with one son, Anthony (22).