



Master Chief Dale C. Steinmetz
United States Coast Guard



1st District Command Master Chief

Master Chief Steinmetz assumed his duties as the Command Master Chief for the 1st Coast Guard District on August 15, 2013. As the senior enlisted advisor to the District Commander, Master Chief provides advice on workforce policies, is the senior enlisted mentor, and acts as a sounding board for select administrative actions and initiatives relative to the day to day operations of units throughout the 1st District and their impact on the work force. Master Chief Steinmetz travels throughout the District visiting units, meeting with crews, observing operational evolutions, and communicating with Coast Guardsmen and their families.



Master Chief Steinmetz's previous assignments include Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Cutter WAHOO, Port Angeles, WA; Officer in Charge Coast Guard Cutter HAMMERHEAD Woods Hole, MA; Officer in Charge Coast Guard Cutter WAHOO Port Angeles, WA; Officer in Charge Coast Guard Cutter OSPREY Port Townsend, WA; Executive Petty Officer Coast Guard Cutter CUTTYHUNK Port Angeles, WA; Aids to Navigation Training Team Chief Juneau AK; Executive Petty Officer ANT Green Bay WI; 1st LT Coast Guard Cutter CUTTYHUNK Port Angeles, WA; Master Chief Steinmetz served onboard Coast Guard Cutter NAUSON and served as crewman at Coast Guard Station Channel Island Harbor, Umpqua River, and Ketchikan.

Master Chief Steinmetz, is a graduate of the Chief Petty Officer Academy, Class L (October 1998), Coast Guard Senior Leadership Course (August 2012). Master Chief Steinmetz holds a Master 100 to Commercial Mariners License. Master Chief is attending American Military University and pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Homeland Security.

Master Chief Steinmetz's personal awards include four Coast Guard Commendation Medals with the Operational Distinguishing Device, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, two Commandant Letter of Commendation ribbons, nine Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, and Coast Guard Basic Training Honor Graduate. Master Chief Steinmetz has earned his Command Afloat Device.

Master Chief Steinmetz hails from Bloomer, WI, and is married to the former Gina Gardner and has two children, Michelle Johnson Ridle, and Nicholas Steinmetz.