

# Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Challenge Coins 1990 - 2023



Out Of ONE, Many!

# The First Five Master Chief Petty Officer's of the Coast Guard Did Not Have a Challenge Coin



**Master Chief  
Charles L.  
Calhoun**

August 27, 1969  
through  
August 1, 1973

## THE FIRST MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD CHARLES L CALHOUN'S THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP AND THE COAST GUARD

"I began my career at age 17 and at age 45 became the First Master Chief Petty Officer of the USCG on 01 August 1969. I believe a key element to being successful is to be respectful of others and to keep the lines of communication open at all times with all levels of Command and Subordinates. I believe you also need to be a good listener. These go hand in hand in order to be successful. You need to be able to communicate as well as able to listen. I have always lived by the motto " Never Give Up." I feel that you should have important goals in your life and that you should make every effort possible to obtain these goals. Set your goals high. You are capable of being the best in everything that you want to accomplish.



**Master Chief  
Phillip F. Smith**

August 1, 1973  
through  
August 1, 1977

Master Chief Petty Officer Smith became the Master Chief Petty Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard on August 1, 1973. He is the second enlisted man to hold the post of enlisted advisor to the Commandant.

Master Chief Smith kept his finger on the pulse beat of the enlisted ranks throughout the service, hearing general complaints and suggestions among his other duties, and maintained a liaison with his counterparts in the other four armed services.



**Master Chief  
Hollis B.  
Stephens**

August 1, 1977  
through  
August 1, 1981

On 1 August 1977, Master Chief Stephens was selected to become the third Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard

Master Chief Petty Officer Stephens enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on January 17, 1950, and after boot training was assigned to the Coast Guard Station at Grand Haven, MI., where he subsequently advanced from Seaman Apprentice to Boatswain's Mate Second Class.



**Master Chief  
Carl W.  
Constantine**

August 1, 1981  
through  
May 1, 1986

On August 1, 1981, Admiral J. B. Hayes, Commandant, USCG, appointed RCMC Carl W. Constantine as the fourth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.

Master Chief Petty Officer Constantine enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on February 28, 1957 at Long Beach, CA and attended basic training at Alameda, CA as a Seaman Recruit. Upon completion of basic training he was sent to Radioman School.



**Master Chief  
Allen W. Thiele**

May 1, 1986  
through  
June 29, 1990

On 1 May 1986, Master Chief Thiele was appointed as the Fifth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard by the newly selected Commandant, Admiral Paul A. Yost, USCG.

Master Chief Petty Officer Thiele enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard 25 November 1958 at Green Bay, Wisconsin and attended basic training at Cape May, NJ. Upon completion of basic training, he was transferred to New Orleans, LA and served at the Captain of the Port and Moorings Pilottown.



# **History of Creating a Tradition With Challenge Coins For The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard**

by R Jay Lloyd, MCPOCG VI

Shortly after I assumed the position of Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard (MCPOCG), in June of 1990, I noticed the other service's senior enlisted leaders presenting challenge coins to worthy individuals. I decided there needed to be a similar item for presentation to exceptional men and women of the Coast Guard and a few other special people that support our service.

The Administrative Assistant to the Commandant of the Coast Guard had approval authority for MCPOCG expenditures. At the time it was Captain Richard Herr. I did not want to bother the service organizations that typically support the Coast Guard such as Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA), Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), and the Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) at the time. I requested funding to purchase the office and position coins. Captain Herr disapproved citing the Coast Guard Strategic Cost Manual (COMDTINST M7000). I was not completely familiar with that manual and, although I didn't like my request being disapproved, it was the correct call at the time. Basically, the Coast Guard could not pay for what was then considered a personal item like a challenge coin.

I then approached the NCOA and the FRA and asked for the resources to make it happen. I was informed by both organizations that they would fund only half of the amount required and the Coast Guard would have to fund the rest of the needed money. The CPOA had already told me they could not offer any assistance. Shortly after running up against all these roadblocks, I attended an All Services reception in Norfolk, VA. While there, I had the good fortune to meet and speak with Sam Parish (8th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force), who was the Vice President of Military Affairs for GEICO. His assistant at the time was Bill Smith (Master Chief Petty Officer, USN, Ret).

Sam said to me, "I hear you are looking for some help to get yourself a challenge coin. Maybe I can help!" Such sweet words could not have come at a better time. He told me that GEICO could and would take care of getting me the MCPOCG challenge coin. I explained the necessary limitations that would comply with COMDTINST M7000. Primarily, my name and GEICO could not be on the coin. I also mentioned that it had to be round and that it could be of no cost to the USCG. I gave him a design that the two of us later settled on.

A few weeks later, I was in the office talking with my executive assistant, Senior Chief Sandy O'Toole, when Sam and Bill from GEICO came unannounced into our office smiling. They each had two small heavy boxes and each one contained about 250 freshly minted and wrapped "MCPOCG Challenge Coins." I was overwhelmed with his generosity. He told me he had a few more boxes in his office, but they were too heavy to bring in and my office could come and get them anytime.

After they left my office, I grabbed a few coins and immediately went to present the first coin to the Commandant of the Coast Guard Admiral William Kime. So, late in November 1990, the first "MCPOCG Challenge Coin" was presented. I also let Captain Herr know I had acquired the coins without violating COMDTINST M7000. And thus began the Coast Guard "Challenge Coin" tradition.

As in all startup operations, what would it be if there were no hick-ups. It took just a little over three years after I initially acquired the challenge coin to identify this issue. At change of watch, I gave my left-over coins to Master Chief Trent as he assumed the duties of MCPOCG VII, to utilize. However, after he was called out on using my coin by a young sailor, he eventually worked on getting his own specific personal coin.

So began the implementation of the culture of awarding challenge coins in the U.S. Coast Guard. The next USCG specific challenge coin was that of MCPOCG Vince Patton, who at the time was the Atlantic Area Command Enlisted Advisor. Many other challenge coins presented by senior flag officers and senior enlisted leaders have since followed suit. As of this writing, eight other MCPOCGs who have followed me, have their own personal coins, as presented on the following pages.

You will note that MCPOCGs Trent (#7), Patton (#8), and Welch (#9), all had the same design on their coins. When MCPOCG Skip Bowen (#10) began his tenure in 2006, the coin designs make unique and distinctive changes. It was at that period that challenge coins throughout the military began to take on a more creative design, allowing the presenters to enhance the coins features. Also, at that time, the Coast Guard's requirements for purchasing under COMDTINST M7000, were soon relaxed, allowing coins to be purchased under appropriated funding, which kept in line with all the DOD services acquisitioning of challenge coins.

Today, challenge coins are more elaborate, allowing to incorporate distinct symbols to personalize its ownership of the presenter.

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# Master Chief R. Jay Lloyd MCPOCG VI 1990-1994



On 29 June 1990, Master Chief Boatswain's Mate R. Jay Lloyd became the sixth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard. Prior to his selection, he served as Command Enlisted Advisor of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District, Juneau, AK. He had also previously served as Command Enlisted Advisor for the Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, LA.

A Coast Guard veteran of 33 years, MCPOCG Lloyd served as Officer in Charge of USCGC *Point Bennett*, Port Townsend, WA; USCGC *Point Winslow*, Eureka, CA; and Coast Guard Station Cortez, Cortez, FL. He also served as Executive Petty Officer at LORAN Station Anguar Palau, Western Carolina Islands and Coast Guard Station Willapa Bay, WA. His seagoing experience included assignments on board USCGC *Point Hope*, Sabine, TX; USCGC *Barataria*, Alameda, CA; USCGC *Confidence*, Kodiak, AK; and USCGC *Cape Carter*, Crescent City, CA. Earlier in his career, MCPOCG Lloyd served at the Fourteenth Coast Guard District Office, Honolulu, HI; Coast Guard Reserve Unit Denver, CO; and Coast Guard Base Alameda, CA.

MCPOCG Lloyd attended more than a dozen specialized training courses during his career. He is a graduate of the United States Army's Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, TX; United States Coast Guard Senior Petty Officer Leadership and Management School, Yorktown, VA; and Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, Patrick AFB, FL. He has a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree in History from New Mexico State University.

His military awards include two Legion of Merit Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Commandant's Letter of Commendation with "O" device, two Coast Guard Unit Commendation's with "O" device, Bicentennial Unit Commendation, seven Coast Guard Good Conduct Awards, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Humanitarian Service Medal, Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon, Coast Guard Restricted Duty Ribbon, Coast Guard Expert Rifleman Medal, and Coast Guard Expert Pistol Shot Medal.





# Master Chief Rick Trent MCPOCG VII 1994-1998



Master Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Rick Trent served as the seventh Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard from July 1, 1994 to May 31, 1998. Previous command cadre assignments included Command Master Chief for the Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama and the Coast Guard Pacific Area in Alameda, California.

A Coast Guard veteran of more than 35 years, Master Chief Trent's assignments included Air Stations in Massachusetts, Bermuda, Alabama, Hawaii, and Florida. He held search and rescue aircrewman designations on HU-16, HC-130, HH3F, and HH-52 aircraft. In flight, he normally fulfilled the duties of radioman, navigator, or hoist operator. Other experience has included Electronics Technician, Collateral Duty Command Master Chief, Collateral Duty Career Information Specialist and Avionics Leading Chief Petty Officer. He has also served on two Total Quality Management Executive Steering Committees.

Master Chief Trent attended more than 20 specialized training courses during his career. He is a graduate of the Coast Guard Senior Leadership and Management School, the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy and the DEOMI Equal Opportunity Program Managers Course.

While attending the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy, Master Chief Trent was selected by his peers to receive the "Spirit of the Chief Award". Other recognition included the "LT Robert A. Perchard Memorial Trophy", the Mobile Chapter Chief Petty Officer Association "Chief of the Year" award; and he was the "Coast Guard Enlisted Ancient Albatross" from December 1, 1995 to June 30, 1998.

Master Chief Trent's military awards include the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, two Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award, two Coast Guard Unit Commendations with "O" device, seven Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendations with "O" device, the Bicentennial Unit Commendation, ten Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, three Humanitarian Service Medals, the Special Operations Service ribbon, and the Coast Guard Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship ribbons.



# Master Chief Vincent W. Patton MCPOCG VIII 1998-2002



Master Chief Patton served as the Eighth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard from 1998-2002.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Master Chief Patton enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard in June 1972, he initially started out his career in the occupational rating of Radioman (communications), and later changed to Yeoman (personnel) in 1979. He has served afloat tours on, USCGC *Dallas* (Governors Island, NY), USCGC *Boutwell* (Seattle, WA), and USCGC *Mako* (Cape May, NJ). His Shore assignments include, Training Center Petaluma, CA (Radioman School); Group and Air Station Detroit, MI; Recruiting Office Chicago, IL; Ninth Coast Guard District Office, Cleveland, OH; and two separate tours at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC. Prior to selection as MCPOCG, he served as the Command Master Chief for the Coast Guard Atlantic Area. During this assignment he was the senior enlisted advisor to Joint Task Force-160, during Operation Support Democracy, which was the largest alien migration operation in history.

All of Master Chief Patton's college education was earned while on active duty. He received his Doctor of Education degree in 1984 from the American University, Washington, DC. His dissertation was based on the development and implementation of the Coast Guard Enlisted Evaluation System. He earned a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology from Loyola University, Chicago, IL; a Bachelor of Science degree, in Social Work from Shaw College at Detroit, MI; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Pacific College, Angwin, CA. He is a graduate of the U. S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy, U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy (with distinction), and the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute.

His numerous military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon, eight Meritorious Team awards and nine Coast Guard Good Conduct awards. He has also earned the Cutterman's insignia, and has completed ten 'jumps' with the U. S. Army 82nd Airborne Division, to earn the coveted "Parachutist Wings" specialty badge.

Master Chief Patton accomplished the rank of Eagle Scout, and was also a former Naval Sea Cadet during his high school years. He was also selected as one of the Olympic Torchbearers for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

MCPOCG Patton retired after over 30 years of active duty, November 1, 2002.





# Master Chief Franklin A. Welch MCPOCG IX 2002-2006



On October 10, 2002, Master Chief Quartermaster Franklin A. Welch assumed his duties as the Ninth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard. In his most recent assignment, Master Chief Welch served as Officer in Charge of USCGC *Sockeye* (WPB 87337), homeported in Bodega Bay, California. His first operational tasking aboard *Sockeye* was to command her through an initial homeport transit of 6,000 nautical miles from New Orleans, Louisiana, to her homeport of Bodega Bay. Prior to this assignment, Master Chief Welch served as Officer in Charge, USCGC *Point Chico* (WPB 82339), also homeported in Bodega Bay.

Advancing quickly, Master Chief Welch has served in the Coast Guard for 26 years; thirteen of which were as a Master Chief Petty Officer. He has a diverse background in Coast Guard operations. He has served aboard USCGC *Sweetbrier* in Cordova, Alaska, where he devoted his off-duty time striking the Quartermaster rating; Aids to Navigation Team Bristol, Rhode Island, as operations and aids to navigation petty officer; USCGC *Harriet Lane* as assistant navigator and deck watch officer; USCGC *Vigorous* as assistant navigator and deck watch officer; Fleet Training Unit, U.S. Atlantic Fleet as an underway navigation and visual communications instructor and training liaison officer; and aboard USCGC *Galveston Island*, homeported in Apra Harbor, Guam, as executive petty officer. Master Chief Welch also served as "Gold Badge" Command Master Chief for the Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland, Ohio, where he represented the enlisted men and women of the "Great Lakes," and as Master Chief of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy in Petaluma, California. Master Chief Welch was designated as a Master Training Specialist by Commander, Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet where he also received the Coast Guardsman of the Year Award for 1991. In August 2002, he also received the Northern California Senior Enlisted Person of the Year (Operational) award sponsored by the United States Navy League.

Master Chief Welch has attended many specialized training courses during his career, including the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy. He was the President of Class XXVI.

Master Chief Welch has earned the permanent Cutterman, Coxswain, Command Master Chief, Chief Petty Officer Academy, and Officer in Charge Afloat pins. His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals with "O" device, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals with "O" device, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Transportation 9-11 Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal with "O" device, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon with "O" device, two Coast Guard Unit Commendations with "O" device, five Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendations with "O" device, four Meritorious Team Commendation ribbons, the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation ribbon, seven Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, three Special Operations Service Ribbons, five Coast Guard Sea Service ribbons, the Coast Guard Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship ribbons, and the Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation award.





# Master Chief Charles "Skip" W. Bowen MCPOCG X 2006-2010

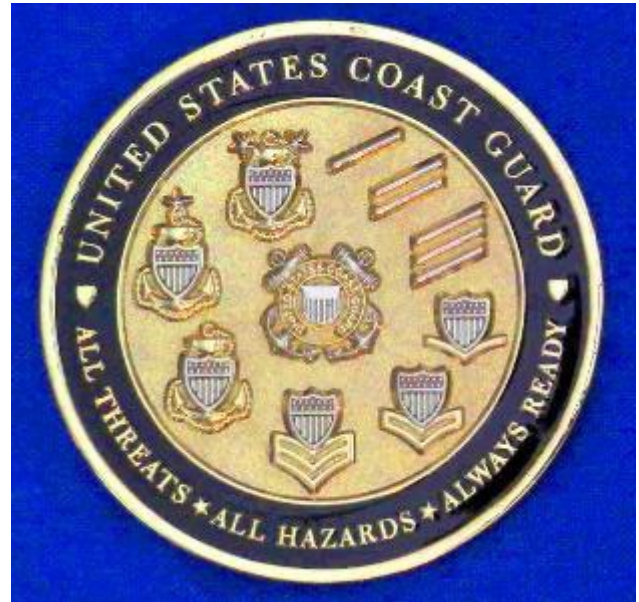
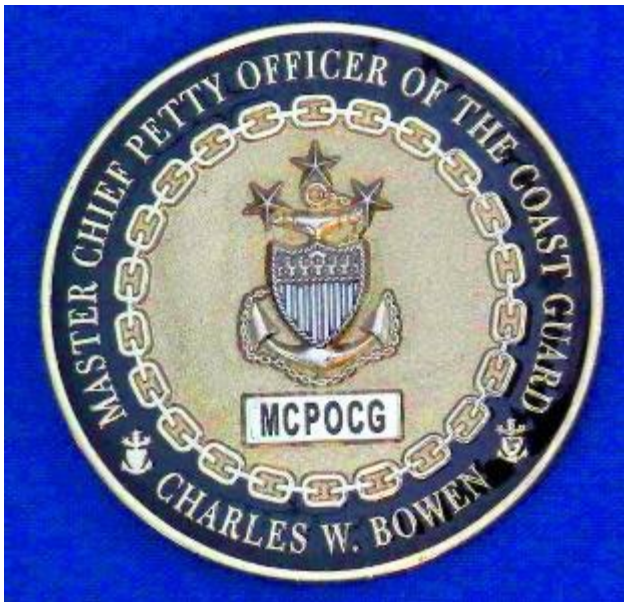


Master Chief Charles W. "Skip" Bowen was the tenth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.

Master Chief Charles W. Bowen was last assigned as the Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Station Marathon. After attending basic training at Cape May, NJ in 1978, his first duty station was to a patrol boat, the USCGC *Point Swift* in Clearwater, FL. From there he was assigned to Coast Guard Station Marathon in the Florida Keys just in time for the Mariel, Cuba boatlift in 1980. A subsequent assignment at Station Fort Pierce, FL was followed by another patrol boat, this time the newly commissioned USCGC *Farallon*, out of Miami. From South Florida he traveled to the Mid-Atlantic seaboard to join the USCGC *Point Arena* as the Executive Petty Officer. Upon advancing to Chief Petty Officer he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of Station New Haven, CT in June 1990. Following a successful tour at New Haven, he was transferred to Station Sand Key in Clearwater Beach, FL in 1994. In 1997, it was back to the Northeast where he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of the USCGC *Point Turner* in Newport, RI until her decommissioning in April 1998. During May, 1998 he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of USCGC *Hammerhead*, based in Woods Hole, MA and the first of the High Tech 87 foot Patrol Boats on the East Coast. From 1999 to 2001 Master Chief Bowen served as the District Seven Command Master Chief. In May 2002, Master Chief Bowen graduated with distinction from the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. While at the Academy, he was selected as one of the few non-Army students ever to serve as a class Vice President. Upon graduation, he was awarded the prestigious, "William G. Bainbridge Chair of Ethics Award." From June 2002 to June 2004 Master Chief Bowen served as the Command Master Chief of Headquarters' Units. In addition to those duties, he also served as the Interim Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard from July 2002 through October 2002.

Master Chief Bowen's personal awards include the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals with "O" device, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals with "O" device, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals with "O" device, Commandant's Letter of Commendation, six Meritorious Team Commendation Awards with "O" device, two Coast Guard Unit Commendations with "O" device, seven Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendations with "O" device, and the Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon with two stars.

Master Chief Bowen's educational accomplishments include a Bachelor of Science Degree, "Magna Cum Laude" from Excelsior College and a Master of Business Administration "Summa Cum Laude" from Touro University International.





# Master Chief Michael P. Leavitt MCPOCG XI 2010-2014



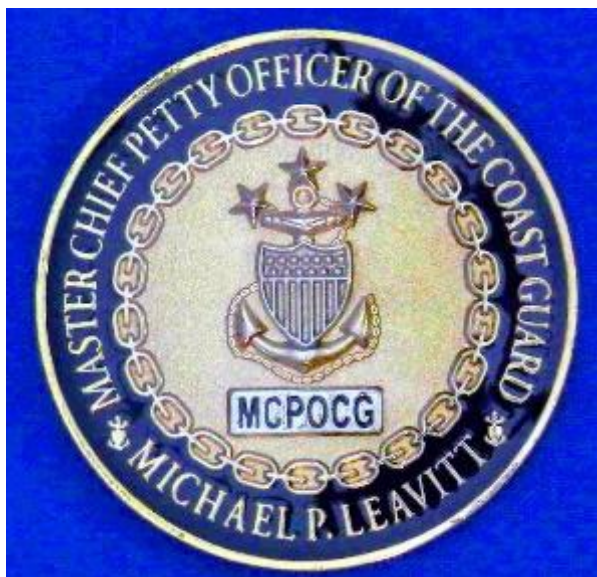
Master Chief Leavitt served as the 11th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard from 2010-2014.

MCPOCG Leavitt enlisted in the Coast Guard on May 10, 1982. During his Coast Guard career, he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of USCGC *Point Doran*, and Stations Maui, HI, Hatteras Inlet, NC, Ocracoke, NC, Humboldt Bay, CA, Tillamook Bay, OR, Cape Disappointment, Ilwaco, WA, the Executive Petty Officer of USCGC *Kanawha* and Station Siuslaw River, OR, and a crewmember of USCGC's *Boutwell* and *Naushon*, and Stations Coos Bay, OR, and Umpqua River, OR. At the time of his selection as the eleventh MCPOCG, he was serving as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Deputy Commandant for Operations at Coast Guard Headquarters.

MCPOCG LEAVITT championed for the professional development, support and welfare of Coast Guardsmen and their families. He focused Chief Petty Officers to lead the way on improving proficiency in craft, proficiency in leadership and disciplined initiative, resulting in an improvement in operational safety and mission effectiveness across the service. Through testimony and engagement with Congress, MCPOCG Leavitt successfully advocated for authority and funding to improve the quality and accessibility of Coast Guard housing, access to affordable childcare services and sustainment of educational benefits, all during a time of unprecedented operational and budgetary challenges. He led a comprehensive campaign designed to eliminate sexual assault from the service through an emphasis on command responsibility and deck plate leadership.

Master Chief Leavitt's personal awards include the Coast Guard Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal with an operational distinguishing device, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals with an operational distinguishing device, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals with an operational distinguishing device and numerous other individual and unit awards. He has also earned a permanent Cutterman insignia, Surfman insignia, Boat Forces Operations insignia, and both Command Afloat and Ashore devices.

A native of Fruitland, Idaho, Master Chief Leavitt holds a BS Degree in Business Administration and a Master of Arts Degree in Training and Education. He is also a graduate of Chief Petty Officer Academy Class 34.





# Master Chief Steven W. Cantrell MCPOCG XII 2014-2018



Master Chief Steven W. Cantrell assumed the duties of the 12th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard on May 22, 2014. As the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commandant, Master Chief Cantrell advises him on enlisted workforce policies, advocates for military benefits and entitlements, is the senior enlisted mentor, and acts as the sounding board for select enlisted administrative actions. Master Chief Cantrell also devotes time visiting Coast Guard units, speaking with Coast Guardsmen and their families.

Master Chief Cantrell's other shore assignments include: Command Master Chief of the Atlantic Area; Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard; Command Master Chief of the Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, LA; Officer in Charge, Station Panama City Beach, FL; Command Master Chief of the First Coast Guard District, Boston, MA; Officer in Charge, Station Wrightsville Beach, NC; Officer in Charge, Station Alexandria Bay, NY; Officer in Charge, Station Harbor Beach, MI; and Operations Petty Officer, Station Barnegat Light, NJ. Master Chief Cantrell's afloat assignments include: Officer in Charge, USCGC's *Ridley* and *Point Wells*, Montauk, NY; Executive Petty Officer, USCGC *Point Camden*, Santa Barbara, CA; USCGC *Confidence*, Port Canaveral, FL; USCGC *Patoka*, Greenville, MS; and USCGC *Rambler*, Charleston, SC.

Master Chief Cantrell's awards include: the Legion of Merit; two Meritorious Service Medals; a Coast Guard Commendation Medal with operational distinguishing device; seven Coast Guard Achievement Medals with an "O" device; and other personal and service awards. He has earned a permanent Cutterman insignia, Coxswain insignia, Boat Forces Operations insignia, Command Afloat and Ashore devices, and a Command Master Chief (Gold Badge) insignia.

Master Chief Cantrell assumed the duties of the 12th Silver Ancient Mariner on May 5, 2014.

Master Chief Cantrell holds both a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration. He is also a graduate of Class 45 of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy and the National Defense University's Keystone Command Senior Enlisted Course.



# Master Chief Jason M. Vanderhaden MCPOCG XIII 2018 - 2022



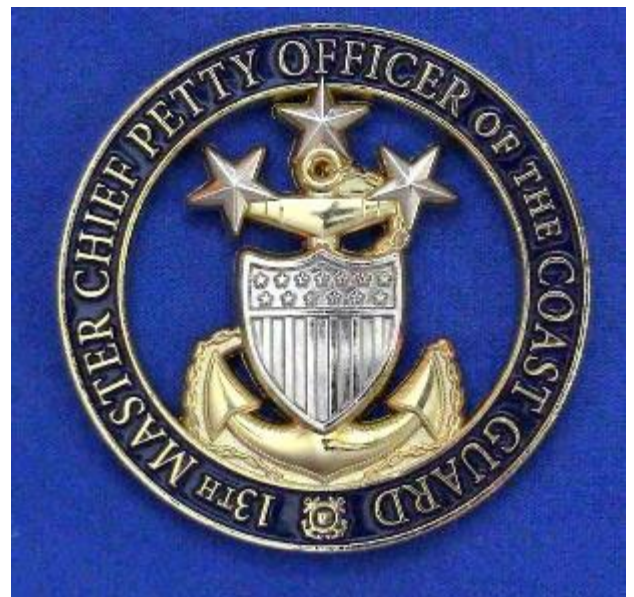
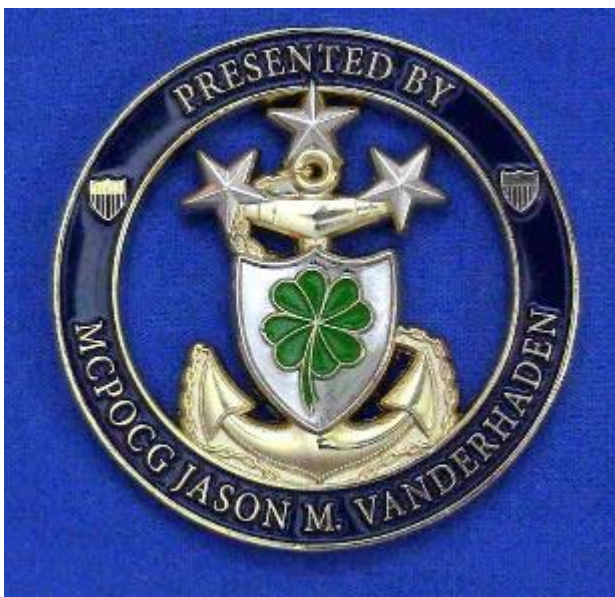
Master Chief Jason M. Vanderhaden assumed the duties of the 13th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard on May 17, 2018. Master Chief Vanderhaden is the senior enlisted member of the Coast Guard and the principal advisor to the Commandant on all enlisted personnel matters.

MCPOCG Vanderhaden is a native of Tallahassee, FL. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in May of 1988. Master Chief Vanderhaden's previous assignments include Command Master Chief, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support; Command Master Chief, Pacific Area; Command Master Chief, 13th Coast Guard District; Command Master Chief, Base Honolulu; Chief Petty Officer Academy, USCGC *Reliance*, Station Ponce de Leon Inlet, USCGC *Active*, Air Station Humboldt Bay, USCGC *Cheyenne*, Air Station Clearwater, LORAN Station Iwo Jima, SS "A" School, Station Jones Beach and Station Short Beach.

MCPOCG Vanderhaden's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and other personal and service awards. He has earned a permanent Cutterman insignia, Boat Forces Operations insignia, and a Command Master Chief (Gold Badge) insignia.

MCPOCG Vanderhaden is a graduate of Class 114 of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy; the Harvard Kennedy School, Leadership in Homeland Security Course; the National Defense University Keystone Joint Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course and other service related schools. Master Chief Vanderhaden holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Excelsior College.

MCPOCG Vanderhaden is married to the former Amy Mathers and they have two adult children who currently serve in the U.S. Coast Guard.





# Master Chief Heath B. Jones MCPOCG XIV 2022 - Present



Master Chief Heath B. Jones assumed the duties of the 14th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard on May 19, 2022. Master Chief Jones is the senior enlisted member of the Coast Guard and the principal advisor to the Commandant on all personnel matters.

MCPOCG Jones is a native of Covington, La. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in August of 1995. Master Chief Jones' previous assignments include Command Master Chief, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support; Command Master Chief, Pacific Area; Command Master Chief, 8th Coast Guard District; Command Master Chief, Sector Hampton Roads; Officer in Charge, USCGC *Sea Horse*; Officer in Charge, Station Pensacola; Officer in Charge, USCGC *Bollard*; Officer in Charge, Station Cape Charles; Executive Petty Officer, Station Little Creek; Executive Petty Officer, USCGC *Seahawk*; Station New Orleans; USCGC *Kanawha*.

CMC Jones's personal awards include five Meritorious Service Medals, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Command Afloat and Ashore Devices, and the permanent Cutterman, Coxswain, and Advance Boat Forces insignia. He is the recipient of the 2012 Signalman First Class Douglas Munro Inspirational Leadership Award and the 2006 Master Chief Petty Officer Angela McShan Inspirational Leadership Award.

CMC Jones is a proud graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy Class 124, the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course class 48, and he is a Keystone 18-1 Fellow. He holds both a Bachelor and a Master of Arts Degree in Organizational Management with a specialty in Human Resource Management. He also holds a Certificate of Apprenticeship as a Master Homeland Security Specialist from USMAP. In addition, he serves as a member of the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Board of Directors.

He has been married to the former Carol Ann Clarke of Folsom, La since 1996. They are the very proud parents of son Christian, attending Graduate School at The University of New Orleans, and daughter Sidney, attending Louisiana State University Medical School in New Orleans.







The August 4, 2019 annual Coast Guard Day Festival in Grand Haven, MI honored the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the office and position of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard. A special coin was commissioned to commemorate this special occasion, which were presented as personal recognition by each of the former and present MCPOCGs to worthy individuals. This was the only time these particular challenge coins were produced. The majority of these coins were presented at the festival.





USCGC *Calhoun* (WMSL-759) is the tenth Legend-class cutter of the United States Coast Guard. She is named after 1st Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, Charles L. Calhoun.





## A large collection of U.S. Coast Guard medals and pins is displayed on a blue background. The items include various service medals, unit pins, and commemorative coins. Notable items include the USCGC Stone WMSL 788, USCGC Calhoun WMSL 789, USCGC Munro WMSL 785, and USCGC Buckhorn. Other items include the USCGC Stone WMSL 788, USCGC Calhoun WMSL 789, USCGC Munro WMSL 785, and USCGC Buckhorn. The collection also features several smaller pins and medals, including one for the USCGC Stone WMSL 788, USCGC Calhoun WMSL 789, USCGC Munro WMSL 785, and USCGC Buckhorn. The items are arranged in a grid-like pattern, with some larger items in the center and smaller ones around the edges. The background is a solid blue color, which makes the metallic items stand out. The items are made of various materials, including gold, silver, and bronze. Some items have intricate designs, while others are more simple. The collection is a testament to the history and service of the U.S. Coast Guard.