

Master Chief Robert R. Gonzales assumed his duties as Command Master Chief of Sector Houston-Galveston on July 20, 2018. His primary responsibility is to advise Capt. Oditt, Sector Commander, on issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard members and their families within the sector's area of responsibility.

Master Chief Gonzales enlisted in the Coast Guard completing basic training at Cape May, N.J. in October 1994. His previous operational duties include officer in charge of Station Marathon, FL; officer in charge of Station San Juan, PR; officer in charge of ANT South Padre Island, TX; executive petty officer of Station San Juan, PR; executive petty officer of ANT Gulfport, MS; USCG Cutter Dauntless - Galveston, TX; Station Galveston, TX; USCG Cutter Point Ledge - Mobile, AL; and ANT San Juan, PR.

A native of San Antonio, Master Chief Boatswain's Mate Robert Gonzales holds a Bachelor's of Science in Liberal Arts / Criminal Justice (2012) from Excelsior College, 100-ton Merchant Mariner's Master License, is a graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy Class 139, and Senior Enlisted Leadership Course in 2014.

Master Chief's personal awards include Meritorious Service Medal, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon, six Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, and numerous service and unit awards. He has also earned both Command Afloat and Ashore qualifications for Multi-Mission and Aids to Navigation.