

Sector Houston-Galveston

Command Master Chief Michael S. Koch



Master Chief Koch is a native of Peoria, Illinois and entered the Coast Guard in August 1993.

Since completion of Basic Training in October 1993, Master Chief Koch has served aboard prior Queen of the Fleet USCGC ACUSHNET (WMEC-167), Ketchikan, Alaska; USCGC NANTUCKET (WPB-1316), Key West, Florida; USCGC WIRE (WYTL-65612), Saugerties, New York, where he served as Officer In Charge. He has also been assigned ashore to USCG Station Charlevoix, Charlevoix, Michigan; USCG Station Galveston, Galveston, Texas, where he served as Officer in Charge; USCG Station Shinnecock, Hampton Bays, New York and USCG Station Eatons Neck, Northport, New York where he served as Executive Petty Officer. He served as Officer In Charge aboard USCGC MORAY (WPB-87331), Jonesport, America, USCGC CORMORANT (WPB-87313)/ FINBACK (WPB 87314), Ft. Pierce, Florida. His most recent assignments were Command Master Chief for Patrol Forces South West Asia, Command Master Chief of Sector Delaware Bay, temporary Officer In Charge of USCGC RAZORBILL (WPB-87332), Portsmouth, Virginia, and Command Senior Enlisted Leader Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Commandant's Letter of Commendation, eight Good Conduct Medals, and numerous other unit awards. He has earned permanent Coxswain, Cutterman, and Boat Forces (Gold and Pewter Tone) insignias.

Master Chief Koch graduated from the Chief Petty Officer's Academy (Class 139) in February 2007 and graduated from the Senior Enlisted Leadership Course in March 2015.

Master Chief Koch received his 200 ton Master- Merchant Mariner Credential in 2013.

Master Chief Koch has an Associate's Degree in General Studies through American Military University and is continuing to pursue a Bachelor's Degree.

Master Chief Koch is committed to his fiancé Jennifer Mayes, and has one daughter, Veda, who is 26.