



Master Chief Christopher H James
United States Coast Guard

Command Master Chief
Sector Northern New England



Master Chief Petty Officer Chris James assumed the duties as Command Master Chief of Sector Northern New England on July 2, 2018. His primary responsibility is to advise Captain Brian LeFebvre, the Commander of Sector Northern New England, on issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard members and their families in Maine, New Hampshire, Northern New York, and Vermont.



Master Chief began his Coast Guard career in September of 1991. After basic training he was assigned to CGC POINT HARRIS in Lihue, Hawaii. Decommissioned due to damage sustained during Hurricane Iniki, FN James stayed and helped rebuild Kauai at SARDET Kauai and CGC POINT EVANS. He attended MST 'A' School and graduated as a MST3 in April of 1994, receiving orders to Marine Safety Office/Group Philadelphia, PA. In January 1997 he reported to Marine Safety Team Morehead City, N.C. and was advanced to MST2 April 1999. He transferred to CGC POLAR SEA, Seattle WA. in August of 2000 and advanced to MST1 August 2002. Master Chief reported in to the Port Operations School at TRACEN Yorktown as an Instructor in July 2003 and was advanced to Chief in May 2005. Having become enamored with the area while responding to Hurricane Katrina, Master Chief James requested assignment to Marine Safety Unit Houma in 2007 as the Assistant Chief of Response and advanced to Senior Chief in October of 2007. July 2009 saw Master Chief transfer to Sector New Orleans to help establish the Sector's Uninspected Towing Vessel Program and subsequently received orders for assignment to Training Center Yorktown as the Marine Science Technician 'A' School Chief in 2010. In May 2014 he advanced to Master Chief and was selected as the MST Rating Force Master Chief, where he has been since July of 2014.

Master Chief James' personal awards include four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, four Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbons, and eight Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals.

Master Chief James is originally from Flushing, NY and is a graduate of Chief Petty Officer Academy Class 135 and the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course.

Master Chief James has a daughter, Keely, who is 19 and a son, Christopher, who is 15.