

BMCM Matthew D. Buckman

On 15 Jun 2021, Master Chief Matt Buckman assumed the duties of Command Master Chief (CMC) for the Ninth Coast Guard District. Primary duties are to advise the Ninth Coast Guard District Commander on issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard members and their families. The Ninth District encompasses eight states, 1,500 miles of international border, and a workforce of more than 6,000 Coast Guard active duty, Reserve, civilian and auxiliary men and women.

Prior to reporting to the Ninth District Master Chief Buckman served as the Command Master Chief at CG Base Honolulu, acting as the primary adviser to the Commanding Officer.

Master Chief Buckman is a native of Louisville, Kentucky and enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserves in 1990. He was assigned to Reserve Unit Louisville and advanced to BM3. He transitioned to Active Duty on 1995 and was assigned to the CGC MIDGETT (WHEC 726) in Seattle, WA. He has subsequently been assigned to CG Station Seattle; CG Station Vallejo, CA (Executive Petty Officer); CGC OCRACOCKE (WPB 1307), San Juan, PR; CG Station St Joseph, MI (Officer In Charge); CGC JOSHUA APPLEBY (WLM 556) (Executive Petty Officer), St Petersburg, FL; and CGC CROCODILE (WPB 87369)(Officer In Charge), Cape May, NJ. He is certified as a small boat Coxswain and Deck Watch Officer on multiple platforms. He has 11 years of sea time and is both a permanent Cutterman and a permanent Small Boat Coxswain.

Master Chief Buckman has attended numerous service schools, including Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy, Class CXL, and the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leader Course. He holds a Bachelors degree in Communication from the University of Louisville and a Masters of Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix.

Master Chief Buckman's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals; two Commandant Letters of Commendation and numerous other personal and unit awards.

Master Chief Buckman is married to the former Carole M. Buckman and they have two children; Grace and Ben.