



# Phillip N. Waldron

## Command Master Chief

### U.S. Coast Guard 17<sup>th</sup> District



Master Chief Phil Waldron assumed the duties as Command Master Chief for the 17th Coast Guard District in March 2022. His primary responsibilities are to assist and advise the 17th District Commander on the impact of existing or proposed policy changes pertinent to the morale and general well-being of all Coast Guard members and their families in Alaska. Headquartered in Juneau, the Coast Guard's forces in the 17th District total more than 2,500 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel, who employ 15 cutters, 52 boats, and 17 aircraft across an area of responsibility that includes the North Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean and Bering Sea. The Coast Guard's 17th District serves and safeguards the public, protects the environment and its resources, and defends the Nation's interests in the Alaskan maritime region.



In his most recent assignment he served as Command Master Chief of Base Kodiak, AK, the service's largest base and the senior mission support touchpoint for the Alaskan maritime region. Previous afloat assignments include Engineer Petty Officer, USCGC BUCKTHORN in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and USCGCs ADAK and WRANGELL, both of Patrol Forces Southwest Asia in Al Manama, Bahrain. His previous ashore assignments include Assistant Engineer Officer of Sector Mobile, Alabama and Station Belle Isle, Michigan, and as a Recruit Company Commander at Training Center Cape May, New Jersey.

Master Chief Waldron is a proud graduate of the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course, the Chief Petty Officer Academy, and numerous other service schools. He holds an Associate's Degree with honors in Supervision and Management from Coastline Community College, and is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Columbia Southern University.

A native of Plant City, Florida and a second generation Coast Guardsman, Master Chief Waldron enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in August, 1999. His military decorations include four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, four Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Commandant's Letters of Commendation, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and numerous other personal and unit awards. He has earned the privilege of wearing permanent Cutterman, Coxswain, Boat Forces Operations, Company Commander, and Command Master Chief (Gold and Silver Badge) insignias. Additionally, he was the recipient of the Chief Petty Officer Academy Class CCI "Spirit of the Chief" Award, and was selected as the 2008 USO Coast Guardsman of the Year.