



## **Master Chief Joseph D. Katchko** **Reserve Command Master Chief** **Port Security Unit 309**



Master Chief Katchko assumed the duties as the Reserve Command Master Chief of Coast Guard Port Security Unit 309, Port Clinton, OH in August 2019. In this role he serves as the senior enlisted leader and advisor to the Command on all matters impacting the enlisted workforce and their families.

Master Chief Katchko's previous assignments include Sector Buffalo Reserve Command Master Chief, Sector Delaware Bay Incident Management Division, Station Philadelphia (plank owner), Marine Safety Office Philadelphia, Group Philadelphia Operations & Boat Operations Divisions, and USCGC LAUREL WLB 291 Mayport, FL. He has held numerous positions at these units, to include; Reserve Command Master Chief, Senior Enlisted Reserve Advisor, Officer of the Day, Tactical Coxswain, Boarding Officer, and Pollution Responder.



Master Chief Katchko enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in July 1993 and completed over six years of active duty. As a Reservist he has been recalled to active duty two times in support of various operations related to the September 11th terrorist attacks. Master Chief Katchko is a native of Kingston, Pennsylvania and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from King's College. He is also a proud graduate of the Senior Enlisted Leadership Course, Chief Petty Officer Academy Reserve Class XVII, Team Leader/Facilitator Course, and several other service-related schools.

Master Chief Katchko's personal awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, four Coast Guard Achievement Medals, one Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar, the Department of Transportation September 11th Medal, two Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, seven Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medals, and numerous other personal and unit awards. He has also earned the Port Security Insignia, Advanced Boat Forces Operations Insignia, and Coxswain Insignia.

Master Chief Katchko currently resides in Edwardsville, PA with his wife of 30 years Tracee. They have two sons, John and Anthony and one granddaughter, Dawn.