



U.S. Coast Guard Ninth District



Francis F. Jennings
Command Master Chief
Ninth Coast Guard District

Master Chief Jennings enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard in November 1977. After completing basic training, he reported aboard CGC MESQUITE (WLB 305) in Charlevoix Michigan. During a series of cutter relocations, he also served aboard USCGC WOODRUSH (WLM 407) and USCGC SUNDEW (WLB 404). He was then assigned to Marine Safety Office, Duluth, Minnesota, USCGC POINT BROWER (WPB 82372) in San Diego, and Vessel Traffic Service, New Orleans.

Advanced to Quartermaster First Class, he returned to Charlevoix aboard USCGC MESQUITE and served as a Search and Rescue Controller at Rescue Sub-Center, Guam. After a tour aboard USCGC WHITE PINE (WLM 547) in Mobile, Alabama, Chief Quartermaster Jennings reported to Reserve Training Center Yorktown as an Instructor at the National Search and Rescue School. Follow-on tours included USCGC DALLAS (WHEC 716) as Navigation Division Chief and USCGC FRANK DREW (WLM 557) as Executive Petty Officer. After a brief tour as a SAR controller in the Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Master Chief Jennings was selected as the Command Master Chief of the Seventeenth Coast Guard District, then Coast Guard Atlantic Area, before assignment to his current duty as Command Master Chief for the Ninth Coast Guard District.

Master Chief Jennings's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (with gold star), Coast Guard Commendation medal (with the operational distinguishing device and gold star), Coast Guard Achievement medal (with the operational distinguishing device and gold star), Coast Guard Good Conduct medal (8 awards), Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon (4 awards), and the permanent cutterman insignia. He is a native of Northern Michigan, and a graduate of the U. S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer's Academy.