

**Francis F. Jennings**  
**Command Master Chief**  
**Senior Enlisted Leadership Course**

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Master Chief Jennings enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard in November 1977. After completing basic training at Coast Guard Training Center Alameda, he reported to Naval Training Center Orlando Florida for Quartermaster "A" school. Upon completion 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) in the same homeport. In 1980, transferred to Marine Safety Office, Duluth, Minnesota.



In 1981, QM3 Jennings was stationed aboard USCGC POINT BROWER (WPB 82372) in San Diego. Following that tour, he was stationed at Vessel Traffic Service New Orleans before returning to Charlevoix aboard USCGC MESQUITE. From 1991 to 1993, QM1 Jennings was assigned to Marianas Section Office in Guam as a Search and Rescue controller. During this tour, he was named as the Coast Guardsman of the Year for Marianas Section. After a short tour aboard USCGC WHITE PINE (WLM 547) in Mobile, Alabama, the newly initiated Chief Quartermaster Jennings reported to Reserve Training Center Yorktown as an Instructor at the National Search and Rescue School.

Tour complete, Chief Jennings was relocated to Charleston, South Carolina, aboard USCGC DALLAS (WHEC 716) as Navigation Division Chief. As a Senior Chief Quartermaster, he transferred to Portsmouth, Virginia where he commissioned USCGC FRANK DREW (WLM 557) serving as Executive Petty Officer. In 2001, Master Chief Jennings was assigned as Senior Assistant Controller at the Thirteenth District Command Center for a short period before his selection as Seventeenth Coast Guard District Command Master Chief in Juneau, Alaska. In 2004, he was selected as the Command Master Chief, Coast Guard Atlantic Area and again in 2006 as the Command Master Chief, Ninth Coast Guard District. He was recently assigned to head the Coast Guard's Senior Enlisted Leadership Course at the Leadership Development Center at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT.

Master Chief Jennings's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), 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. Master Chief Jennings, a native of Northern Michigan, has been married for over 24 years.