



**Master Chief Petty Officer
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**Seventeenth Coast Guard District (East)
Command Master Chief**

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RADM James Olson selected Master Chief Terence (Terry) F. Vanderwerf to assume the duties of Command Master Chief, Seventeenth Coast Guard District (East) in Juneau, Alaska on May 25, 2004.

Master Chief Vanderwerf graduated in 1982 from Scappoose High School, located in Scappoose, Oregon. He enlisted in the Coast Guard on January 31, 1983. After recruit training, he was assigned to CGC YOCONA, home ported in Astoria, Oregon. Upon graduation from Machinery Technician "A" School, he was assigned to CGC WHITEBUSH, home ported in Astoria, Oregon. When the WHITEBUSH was decommissioned in 1985, he found himself transferring to CGC GLACIER, home ported in Portland, Oregon. After making two trips to Antarctica, the GLACIER was decommissioned. His next assignment was CG Station Bodega Bay, in sunny California. There, he gained experience working with 44' Motor Lifeboats, a skill that helped him at his next assignment in Ilwaco, Washington as a boat engineer at the National Motor Lifeboat School and as a member of the 47' MLB Transition and Training Team. Master Chief Vanderwerf transferred to CGC FIREBUSH, home ported in Kodiak, Alaska in 1994. During his time aboard the FIREBUSH, he advanced to the rank of Chief Petty Officer and was later assigned to CGC LIBERTY, home ported in Auke Bay, Alaska. From there, he transferred to CGC CHIPPEWA and a year later to CGC OBION both located in Owensboro, Kentucky. His last assignment was CGC MIDGETT, home ported in Seattle, Washington. There, he served as the Main Propulsion Chief, Chief of the Boat and Command Master Chief.

Master Chief Vanderwerf is a graduate of Machinery Technician 'A' School, the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy, (class 63), and the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, (class 101). He earned a Department of Labor Journeyman's License for Utilities Power Plant Operator in conjunction with the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program. Additionally, he is working on a degree in Marine Engineering.

Master Chief Vanderwerf's personal awards include; Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal with three gold stars and "O" device, Commandant's Letter of Commendation with "O" device, DOT Outstanding Unit Award, Coast Guard Unit Commendation Award with gold star and "O" device, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Award with gold star and "O" device, Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, Coast Guard Good Conduct Award with

one silver star and one bronze star, Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon with four bronze stars, Coast Guard Rifle Ribbon, Coast Guard Pistol Ribbon, Permanent Cutterman's Insignia, and Boat Forces Operations Insignia.