



# Master Chief Charlie F. Salls

## Deputy Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard



Master Chief Charlie F. Salls assumed the duties of the Deputy Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard on May 17, 2022. As the senior Command Master Chief, he serves as the principal advisor to the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard and Senior Executive leadership on all matters affecting the morale, work-life, and general well-being of the Coast Guard total workforce and their families. Furthermore, he acts as the program manager for the Coast Guard's Command Senior Enlisted Leader (CSEL) Program, ensuring the health and effectiveness of the network, and serves as the Force Master Chief for Enlisted Professional Military Education.

Previously, Master Chief Salls served as the CSEL for the Fourteenth Coast Guard District where he provided enlisted perspective to the Commander on all Coast Guard missions throughout Oceania, including Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, and activities in Singapore and Japan. Prior to that, Master Chief Salls served as the CSEL for the Coast Guard Personnel Service Center in Washington, D.C., where he advised the

Commander on programs designed to care, serve, and support military families and on processes and policies affecting the Coast Guard workforce throughout the lifecycle of their careers.

Born and raised in Venezuela, Master Chief Salls enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1996 at the age of 17. Previous operational assignments included command tours aboard cutters CHINOOK, TARPON, HAWKSBILL, and Station Yankeetown. His other assignments include CSEL for Coast Guard Sector San Juan, Assistant School Chief for Boatswain's Mate "A" School, Executive Petty Officer, Station Cape May; Deck Watch Officer aboard cutter MELLON, Station Charleston, and cutter DURABLE.

Master Chief Salls is a graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer's Academy Class 132 and the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course Class 46. He is a NextJump Leadership Academy and Asian Pacific Center for Security Studies alumni, a Keystone 21-2 Fellow, and serves as a member on the Coast Guard's Mutual Assistance Board of Directors and Training Center Cape May Board of Advisors. He is actively pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences from Thomas Edison State University. He is also pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish language and culture from Arizona State University.

Master Chief Salls' personal awards include four Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bars, and various service, unit, and team awards. He wears the Commandant's Staff badge, Officer in Charge Afloat and Ashore devices, and has earned the permanent Cutterman, Coxswain, and Boat Force Operations (advanced) insignias.

Master Chief Salls is married to the former Heather Foster of Oneonta, NY, who is a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, and are proud parents of four children.