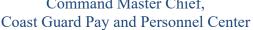


Master Chief Mario Valenzuela Command Master Chief,





Master Chief Mario Valenzuela assumed the duties as Command Master Chief for the United States Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center (PPC), Topeka Kansas on 25 July, 2016. As the senior enlisted advisor, Master Chief Valenzuela provides mentorship and astute council to junior enlisted members and advises on workforce policies and administrative functions to the command cadre.

Master Chief Valenzuela hales from San Bernardino, California. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard in December 1997, after serving a successful four years in the United States Marine Corps as a Combat Engineer, 1st Marine Division, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California.



Master Chief Valenzuela's duty assignments have included, the Coast Guard Cutter Buttonwood, San Francisco, CA, Coast Guard Human Resources Services and Information Center, Topeka, KS, Coast Guard Cutter Active, Port Angeles, WA, Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Texas City, TX, Coast Guard Base Cleveland, OH and Command Master Chief Base Cleveland, OH.

Master Chief Valenzuela has attended many specialized training courses during his career including the U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy, Class CLXV (165) and the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (CMC).

Master Chief Valenzuela's military awards include two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, Coast Guard COMDT Letter of Commendation, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Two Southwest Asia Service Medals, eight Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals and numerous other Unit and Service awards.