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SUBJ: SELECTION OF MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD

1. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE SELECTION OF BMCM MICHAEL P. LEAVITT AS THE NEXT MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD. HE WILL RELIEVE MCPOCG CHARLES (SKIP) BOWEN DURING A CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY ON 21 MAY 2010 AT TRAINING CENTER CAPE MAY, NJ.

2. BMCM LEAVITT, THE CURRENT SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR TO THE DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR OPERATIONS, HAILS FROM FRUITLAND, ID AND ENLISTED IN MAY 1982. HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS AFLOAT AND ASHORE ASSIGNMENTS, AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING OFFICER IN CHARGE (OIC) OF STATION MAUI (HI), USCGC POINT DORAN (WA), STATION HATTERAS (NC), STATION OCRACOCKE (NC), STATION HUMBOLDT BAY (CA), STATION TILLAMOOK BAY (OR), AND STATION CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT (WA). HE HAS EARNED A PERMANENT CUTTERMAN INSIGNIA, SURFMAN INSIGNIA, BOAT FORCES OPERATIONS INSIGNIA AND OIC AFLOAT AND ASHORE DEVICES.

3. BMCM LEAVITT HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT TO OUR CORE VALUES OF HONOR, RESPECT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY BY HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING A 27-YEAR COAST GUARD CAREER. LAST SUMMER MY FATHER AND I HELD AN ALL HANDS AT STATION TILLAMOOK TO COMMEMORATE MY PARENTS 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. THEY MET AND WERE MARRIED IN TILLAMOOK, OREGON. WE WERE PROUD TO STAND WITH THE CREW AND MASTER CHIEF LEAVITT AT A VERY PERSONAL MOMENT. MY FATHER SENDS HIS BEST WISHES TO MASTER CHIEF LEAVITT, AS DO I.

4. A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING MASTER CHIEFS WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS APPLIED FOR THIS IMPORTANT AND PRESTIGIOUS POSITION. A SCREENING PANEL WAS CONDUCTED AND SIX FINALISTS WERE INTERVIEWED THIS PAST WEEK. THE NAMES OF ALL APPLICANTS ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY:

BMCM THOMAS A. BOTZENHART	D5 CMC
YNM LAILANI L. CALE-JONES	D14 CMC
BMCM STEVEN W. CANTRELL	CG-09 CMC
EMCM BRYON R. CLEMONS	LANTAREA CMC
MCPO JACK M. GOODHUE	CG PSC CMC
EMCM KEVIN D. ISHERWOOD	DCMS CMC
OSCM PENNY A. KOONS	MFPU BANGOR CMC
TCCM JOHN F. NIECE	USCGA CMC
AVTCM MARVIN R. WELLS	PACAREA CMC

EACH CANDIDATE HAD A STELLAR RECORD AND REPRESENTED THE VERY BEST IN OUR ENLISTED WORK FORCE. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THEM FOR THEIR PAST SERVICE, DEDICATION TO THE COAST GUARD, AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE IN THIS POSITION.

5. RELEASED BY ADM THAD ALLEN, COMMANDANT, U.S. COAST GUARD

6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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