



Master Chief Daniel Morales assumed duties as Command Master Chief (CMC) for Force Readiness Command (FORCECOM) on June 2023. His primary responsibility is to advise the Commander on issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard members and their families throughout the FORCECOM enterprise. Additionally, CMC Morales assists with strategic initiatives that shape the training and readiness of the Coast Guard's workforce. Most recently, he served as CMC of Coast Guard Sector Northern New England, advising the Sector Commander in issues, policies and initiatives for 20 field units and cutters over a four-state area that included Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York. He also served as the Maritime Enforcement Specialist (ME) Rating Force Master Chief (RFMC). As the ME RFMC, Master Chief Morales was the Coast Guard's organizational subject matter expert for more than 2200 Active and Reserve MEs. As the conduit between Head Quarter-level programs, operational and training commands, he ensured an optimal ME work force to meet current and future law enforcement, security, and force protection mission demands.

CMC Morales entered military service in May of 1995, as a United States Marine, and served at 4th Reconnaissance Battalion as an assistant recon team leader. After fulfilling his tour, he enlisted in the Unites States Coast Guard. His Coast Guard assignments include Station Umpqua River, Oregon; the USCGC Vigorous, Cape May New Jersey; Tactical Law Enforcement Team-North, Yorktown, Virginia; Advanced Tactical Operator at Maritime Security Response Team-East, Chesapeake, Virginia; noncompliant boarding instructor at Patrol Forces South West Asia's Maritime Engagement Team, Manama, Bahrain; MSST Galveston Maritime Law Enforcement/Force Protection Deployable Team Leader, Galveston, Texas; Direct Action Section Team Chief and Precision Marksman Observer Team Chief at MSRT-East, Chesapeake, Virginia; High Risk Training Supervisor at Special Missions Training Detachment-West, San Diego, California; ME RFMC, Washington, D.C. and CMC, Sector Northern New England, South Portland, Maine.Over his two plus decade career, CMC Morales has participated in two deployments in Iraq and conducted numerous worldwide deployments in support of counter narcotics, antipiracy, living marine resources, United Nations sanctions and counter terrorism operations.

CMC Morales is a graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer's Academy, the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course and US Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 67. His other professional education accomplishments include the Naval Special Warfare Communications Course, the Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Leadership Course 12D, and the Special Operations Forces Site Exploitation-Technical Exploitation Course.

CMC Morales's personal awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, six Coast Guard Achievement Medals, three Commandant's Letters of Commendations, and the Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon. His other awards include the Iraq Campaign Medal with two stars, the Global War on Terror Campaign Medal with one star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and various others. He also wears the Tactical Law Enforcement Insignia, Permanent Cutterman's Insignia, Boat Forces Insignia, Response Operations Ashore Insignia, US Army Air Assault Badge and German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

Master Chief Morales is a native of San Antonio, TX and is married to Dr. Jessica Hope Morales. They have three daughters: Emmaline, Annabelle and Natalia.