

U.S. Coast Guard's Most Senior Warrant Officer Set to Retire



PITTSBURGH, PA – After contributing nearly 37 years of dedicated service to the United States Coast Guard, Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CWO4) Todd Talasky is finally set to retire with his last day of work at Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Pittsburgh scheduled for August 28, 2014.

CWO4 Talasky's retirement will cap a long and distinguished career in the Coast Guard, which has spanned 4 decades and included tours on several underway platforms, as well as over 20 years in the Marine Safety world. CWO Talasky currently serves as the organization's most senior Warrant Officer by 4 years and his departure will leave a void that will not easily be filled.

Todd Talasky began his career in 1978 as a Seaman Apprentice on Coast Guard Cutter (CGC) CONIFER and quickly advanced to a Quartermaster First Class. Upon successfully completing his first tour, CWO Talasky continued to fulfill his duties as a Quartermaster at Group Fort Macon, aboard CGC GENTIAN, and at the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore.

CWO Talasky transitioned into a new chapter of his career in 1992 and became a Warrant Officer at Marine Safety Office (MSO) Baltimore. Since that time, he served 2 years at Activities Baltimore before transferring to (then) MSO Pittsburgh in 1997. He

then transferred to MSU Huntington from 2002-2006 before returning to MSU Pittsburgh, his home for the last 8 years.

Along the way, Todd Talasky has acquired an incredible amount of knowledge in the Marine Safety field and has selflessly passed on that knowledge to countless numbers of aspiring junior members. He has also played a key role in developing and maintaining a positive working relationship between the Coast Guard and regional industry partners.

“CWO4 Todd Talasky is exceptionally valued and respected for his superb proficiency in the Coast Guard’s Marine Safety Program. He is an absolute shining example of someone who has mastered their craft, and brought marine safety program execution, training and qualification process to exceptional levels for the better part of 4 decades now. He has trained countless officers and petty officers in the Prevention field, and has had a positive influence at work and with Industry members. He carries the best reputation in the Prevention field with his self-assurance, confidence and calm demeanor. His ability to lead the marine industry workforce in Coast Guard missions is highly recognized, proclaimed and of great benefit to the Coast Guard. I’m constantly receiving compliments on "Todd",” explained CDR Lindsay Weaver, MSU Pittsburgh Commanding Officer. While his vast amounts of knowledge and dedication to our unit and the entire organization will be sorely missed, his monumental contributions to the Coast Guard make Todd well-deserving of his transition into retirement. We wish him Fair Winds and Following Seas.”

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