



Master Chief Joe Melton retired from the United States Coast Guard Reserve in 2022. His last assignment was as the Senior Enlisted Reserve Advisor and Reserve Command Master Chief for Coast Guard Base NCR. His primary responsibility is to advise the Commander Base NCR on issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard Reserve members and their families throughout the National Capitol Region and Coast Guard Headquarters. MC Melton's previous assignments include being one of the first Senior Enlisted Reserve Advisors in the Coast Guard. As one of the first Intelligence Specialist

Chiefs in the Coast Guard, his prior assignments include standing up the Field Intelligence Support Team in Charleston and an assignment to the Department of Justice task force Project Seahawk.

MC Melton's personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Commandant's Letters of Commendation, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization Device(s) and silver hourglass, three Armed Forces Service Medals, and two DHS Intelligence Leadership Awards. He has also earned a masters rating in intelligence operations and law enforcement certification as an armed boarding team member.

A native of Charleston, SC, MC Melton enlisted in January 1998. As a Reservist he has been recalled to active duty several times most recently as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge and Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the Joint Task Force in Charge of the 2020 Presidential Inaugural and to fill in as the active-duty Command Senior Enlisted Leader for Base NCR/CGHQ. He is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Leaders Course, Chief Petty Officer Academy Reserve Class 25, the ODNI Analysis 101 course, the Reserve Component National Security Course, and the Joint PME courses I and II.

MC Melton is a Certified Fraud Analyst and Investigator. He retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC after over 23 years in management and senior management, most recently specializing in Medicare and TRICARE operations.

MC Melton is married to the former Kathy Ham and they have two sons, Russell and Keith, and three grandchildren, Dylan, Clara, and Lane.