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U.S. Coast Guard History Program



BMCM Diane Bucci, USCG

Diane Bucci joined the Coast Guard in 1975 soon after the Service opened its regular enlisted ranks to women. BMCM Bucci made history when she became the first enlisted woman to command afloat when she took command as the officer-in-charge of the cutter USCGC *Capstan* in 1988. *Capstan* patrolled the upper Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay conducting search and rescue, law enforcement, aids to navigation and environmental protection missions.

In 1999 the Seventh Coast Guard District gained a second Command Enlisted Advisor billet that was placed in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (This was also the year that the CEA title was changed to Command Master Chief—CMC—to better align with the Department of Defense). MCPO Charles Bowen and MCPO Bucci were the CMCs for District Commander Rear Admiral Thad Allen. MCPO Bowen was CMC D-7 (West--CONUS) and MCPO Bucci was CMC D-7 (East--OCONUS) from 1999 to 2001.

BMCM Diane Bucci retired as a Command Master Chief in 2002.

