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Dr. Vince Patton served as the 8th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard from May 1998 until his retirement from more than 30 years of active service in November 2002. In this position he was the Coast Guard's senior most enlisted member representing over 45,000 personnel as the principal advisor to the Commandant of the Coast Guard. His illustrious military career included staff and operational assignments throughout the country, both afloat and ashore. Among his numerous military awards includes the Distinguished Service Medal. He also is one of the few Coast Guardsmen to have earned the Paratrooper's 'Jump Wings' while serving in a joint service assignment with the U. S. Army's 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne.

He received his doctorate of education degree from American University, a master's degree in counseling psychology at Loyola University at Chicago, a B.S. in social work from Shaw College and a B.A. in communication from Pacific College. Since retirement from the U. S. Coast Guard he later earned a Master of Theology in Applied Religious Studies from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA.

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Vince is presently Director of Community Outreach for Military Advantage, a division of Monster Worldwide. In addition, he serves as the chairman of the editorial board for the U.S. Naval Institute, member of the board of visitors for the National Defense Intelligence College, and is also an ordained Unitarian minister specializing in community service chaplaincy.

Vince and his wife reside in Miami Beach, FL, and has two children. His son is a U.S. Army Veteran employed as a disaster claims examiner for FEMA, and his daughter is senior at California State University East Bay in Hayward, CA.