



ETCS Matthew Burns Command Senior Enlisted Leader Sector Western Alaska & U.S. Arctic United States Coast Guard



Senior Chief Petty Officer Burns serves as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader (CSEL) for Sector Western Alaska & U.S. Arctic. In this role, he supports personnel across a vast and strategically vital area while providing crucial guidance and advice to the Sector Commander. His leadership is key to ensuring the safety, security, and mission success of the Sector.

His Coast Guard career is distinguished by a series of impactful assignments, including serving as the Supervisor at Electronic Support Detachment (ESD) New York, an independent duty Electronics Technician (ET) at Maritime Safety & Security Team New York, an ET School Instructor at TRACEN Petaluma, ESD Miami, USCGC HAMILTON (WHEC-715), and Surface Forces Logistics Center Baltimore. His journey in the Coast Guard began after graduating from Training Center Cape May and attending ET "A" School in Petaluma, California, in 2004.



Before joining the Coast Guard, he proudly served in the U.S. Navy, where he was a member of the F-14 Fighter Squadron VF-101, following his training at Aviation "A" School in Pensacola, Florida, and boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois.

His dedication and service have been recognized through numerous awards, including the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (three awards), the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon (two awards), and various other service and unit awards.

Currently, he is advancing his education with an Associate of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from Arizona State University. He has also completed several leadership certification programs through the U.S. Naval Community College. His professional development includes graduating from the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy (Class 276) and the Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (Class 106).

A native of Marietta, Ohio, he is married to his wife, Cecilia. Together, they have one son. In total, he is a proud father of four children: three daughters and one son.