



**Sector Humboldt Bay
Command Senior Chief
Senior Chief Joseph D. Zrelak
United States Coast Guard**



Senior Chief Joseph D. Zrelak assumed duties as Command Senior Chief, Sector Humboldt Bay on July 11, 2022. His primary responsibility is to advise Captain Scott Powers, the Sector Commander of Sector Humboldt Bay, on issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard members and their families within Sector's area of responsibility.

Most recently Senior Chief Zrelak served as Command Senior Chief for Sector Anchorage at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, AK. Other previous assignments include: Command Senior Chief for Base Los Angeles Long Beach in San Pedro, CA. Sector Boarding Team Supervisor for Sector Puget Sound in Seattle, WA; Chief of Police for Coast Guard Police Department, Base Kodiak,

AK; Engineer Petty Officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter ADAK, Patrol Forces Southwest Asia, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain; Mounted Automatic Weapons and Firearms Instructor for District 9 Mounted Automatic Weapons Training Team, Fort Knox, KY; Engineer Petty Officer for Coast Guard Station Marquette, MI; Machinery Technician at Coast Guard Cutter ROANOKE ISLAND, Homer, AK; Machinery Technician at Coast Guard Station Marquette, MI; and Fireman at Coast Guard Cutter NAUSHON, Ketchikan, AK. Senior Chief Zrelak enlisted in the Coast Guard on November 1996.



Senior Chief Zrelak is a proud graduate of the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course, Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy, and DHS Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Uniform Police Training Program. Senior Chief Zrelak is a DHS Active Shooter Active Threat instructor, ICISF Individual & Group Intervention CISM instructor, resilience skills instructor, Operational Stress Control instructor & facilitator, Mindfulness Performance Enhancement Awareness and Knowledge (mPEAK) coach in training and pursuing an undergraduate degree in Applied Psychology from City University of Seattle.

Senior Chief Zrelak's more notable personal awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, seven Coast Guard Achievement Medals, three Commandant Letter of Commendation ribbons, the Operation Iraqi Freedom Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, and other personal and service awards. Additionally, he earned the Advanced Boat Forces Insignia, the response Operations Ashore Insignia, and three Command Silver Badges.