



Air Station San Francisco
Command Senior Chief
AMTCS Peter N. Gardikis
United States Coast Guard



Senior Chief Gardikis is a 25-year veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, and currently serves as the Command Senior Chief of CG Air Station San Francisco. As Command Senior Chief, he advises Captain Christopher Huberty, the Commanding Officer of Air Station San Francisco, on issues and initiatives pertaining to morale, welfare, job satisfaction, discipline, utilization, and training of enlisted personnel.

Senior Chief Gardikis graduated Coast Guard Basic Training in May of 1999. For the next year, he was stationed on the CG Cutter Morgenthau out of Alameda, CA. This is when he decided that he wanted to pursue a career in aviation. Pete received orders to Air Station San Francisco as an Airman and attended AST "Rescue Swimmer" School in 2001. After a few physical setbacks, he reassessed his CG future and decided to change his direction. He attended & graduated Aviation Maintenance Technician "A" school from Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, OK in August of 2001.



Pete completed 5 years at CG Air Station Sacramento, CA qualifying on the HC130H as a Dropmaster and Sensor System Operator. His next assignment took him overseas for another 5 years to CG Air Station Barbers Point, HI, where he qualified as an HC130H Loadmaster and Flight Engineer. Then, he headed back to Air Station Sacramento, CA for a short two years. In 2013, Pete advanced to the rank of E7 and received orders to CG Aviation and Technical Training Center in Mobile, AL. There he qualified as a basic aircrewman on the HC144 and filled the roles of Structures Shop, Maintenance Control, and Night Shift Chief. In 2017, he was reunited with the C130 when he received orders to CG Air Station Clearwater, FL, where he served as the C130 AMT Rating Manger and flew again as aircrew. Most recently, Senior Chief Gardikis completed his role as the Leading Chief Petty Officer of CG Air Station San Francisco, CA.

Senior Chief is a graduate of the CG Chief Petty Officer Academy (Class 205). He received his Associate and Bachelor of Science degrees from Excelsior College.