



Shawn J. Marchinek

Master Chief Operations Specialist

Sector Puget Sound Gold Badge

Master Chief Marchinek, a native of Kettle Falls, Washington, enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1992. Following basic training at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, New Jersey, he reported to Coast Guard Polar Ice-Breaker USCGC POLAR SEA (WAGB 11) home ported in Seattle, Washington.

Upon completion of his initial assignment, he served aboard USCGC CUTTYHUNK (WPB 1322) Port Angeles, Washington. In June 1994, he reported to Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma, California where he completed Telecommunications Specialist Class 'A' school. He completed a third afloat tour aboard USCGC ACTIVE (WMEC 618) Port Angeles, Washington. In addition, Master Chief Marchinek completed shore assignments at Communications Area Master Station Pacific (CAMSPAC) Point Reyes, California; USCG Group Port Angeles, Washington; USCG District Thirteen, Seattle, Washington; and USCG Vessel Traffic Center Valdez, Alaska and deployed with USCG Port Security Unit 313 to Pusan, Korea in support of Operation Foal Eagle 2000. In June 2009, Master Chief Marchinek was invited to join the faculty of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, Rhode Island, as the first Coast Guard Faculty Advisor.

As of April 2011, Master Chief Marchinek assumed the duties and responsibilities of Command Master Chief for Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound. He holds an Associates of Arts degree in Business Administration from Coastline Community College and a Bachelors of Science in Public Administration from Roger Williams University. Master Chief Marchinek is a graduate of the Coast Guard CPO Academy, Class 116; Coast Guard Command Master Chief Course; and Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 59. He also earned the Cutterman and Boat Force Operations Insignias.

His decorations include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (2nd award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation (2nd award) Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal (6th award), and various unit and service awards.