



**MKCS Michael J. Petras**  
**Prospective Command Senior Chief**  
**USCGC JAMES (WMSL 754)**

Senior Chief Petras reported aboard CGC JAMES as the Main Propulsion Senior Chief following assignment to Commander Task Group 55.6 in Manama, Bahrain as Assistant Engineer Officer, Patrol Forces Southwest Asia. In this role he provided engineering assistance supporting commander to U.S. Naval Central Command / U.S. Fifth Fleet / **Combined** Maritime Forces for Maritime Security Operations, Maritime Interdiction Operations and Critical Infrastructure Protection in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

With 12 years of service afloat, Senior Chief Petras' most recently served as Command Chief and Auxiliary Division Chief onboard CGC VALIANT (WMEC-612). Previous afloat assignments include: CGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903), CGC MADRONA (WLB-302) and Engineering Petty Officer onboard CGC WIRE (WYTL 65612).

Shore assignments include Special Missions Training Center, Camp Lejune, NC, Search and Rescue Stations, Gloucester Ma and Tybee Island Georgia, Sector Jacksonville Florida and Aids to Navigation Team, Eufaula AL where he reported from Basic Training.

Senior Chief Petras is the recipient of the 2010 Angela McShan Inspirational Leadership award. Senior Chief Petras' personal awards include three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, a Commandant's Letter of Commendation as well as numerous service and unit awards.

A Native of Clayton, Delaware, Senior Chief Petras enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1987. Senior Chief Petras recently celebrated 23 years of marriage to his wife Suzanne. They have a son, Cameron, 21.