

A native of Tinley Park, IL, LT Chlum enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserves in 2004. Following recruit training, she was assigned to Sector Lower Mississippi River in Memphis, TN where she became a Marine Science Technician Third Class. As an MST3, she responded to Hurricane Katrina as part of the Salvage, Recovery and Debris Unit in New Orleans, LA.

LT Chlum received her commission following Officer Candidate School in 2007. Her afloat tours include Deck Watch Officer aboard CGC MACKINAW in Cheboygan, MI; Operations Officer aboard CGC WILLOW in Newport, RI and her current assignment as Executive Officer of CGC SPAR in Kodiak, AK. Her shore assignments include Facilities Inspections and Waterways Management Branch Chief at Marine Safety Unit Lake Charles, LA, graduate school and Operations Specialist Training Branch Chief at Training Center Petaluma, CA.

LT Chlum is the recipient of the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (2), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal and other personal and unit awards. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Rhodes College where she is a member of the Hall of Fame and a Master of Science in Instructional Systems from Florida State University.