



OSCS Cory Gunkel

Command Senior Chief

Sector Maryland – National Capital Region (NCR)



Senior Chief Cory Gunkel assumed duties as the Sector Maryland National Capital Region Command Senior Chief in June 2015.

Senior Chief Gunkel enlisted in the United States Army in October of 1996. Upon graduation of Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) in Fort Jackson, SC, he was assigned as a Heavy Wheel Vehicle Mechanic at Bravo Company, 94th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) in Vilseck, Germany. While assigned in Germany, Senior Chief Gunkel deployed in support of SFOR, Operation Joint Forge, Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1998 and KFOR, Task Force Hawk, Kosovo in 1999 where he held the rank of Corporal. After separating from the Army in April of 2000, he joined the Coast Guard in May of 2000 and attended Recruit Training in Cape May, NJ. Upon graduation SN Gunkel was assigned to CGC BUTTONWOOD in San Francisco, CA. After graduating from Telecommunications Specialist School in 2001, TC3 Gunkel reported to CG Communication Station Kodiak, AK where he served as communications watch stander and watch supervisor. In 2003, OS1 Gunkel reported to CGC ALEX HALEY where he served as the Operations Specialist in Charge and coordinated on-scene communications for the M/V SELENDANG AYU grounding. In 2005, OS1 Gunkel reported to CG Sector Honolulu where he served as a Search and Rescue Controller and advanced to Chief Petty Officer taking over the duties of Command Center Supervisor and served as the Command Chief for the final year of his tour. In 2009, Chief Gunkel was assigned to Recruiting Office Tacoma, WA as the Recruiter in Charge where he advanced to Senior Chief in 2011. Upon advancement, he was selected and assigned to serve as CG Sector Charleston's Command Senior Chief.

Senior Chief Gunkel is a graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer's Academy, Class 134, Air Force Senior Enlisted Academy Class 09-A, Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 182, and the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course.

Senior Chief Gunkel's awards include: Two Coast Guard Commendation Medals with Operational Distinguishing Device, the Army Commendation Medal, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, four Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal with bronze star device and the NATO Medal with a bronze star device along with numerous other unit and personal awards. Senior Chief Gunkel has also earned the Schützenschnur in Silver, which is awarded for displaying proficiency in marksmanship with German armed forces weapons.