

**Senior Chief Petty Officer
Richard Paauwe, ITCS**

Senior Chief Paauwe is currently assigned to Coast Guard Pacific Area in Alameda, CA. As the senior most IT he ensures secure and reliable communications for the Pacific Area staff and subordinate units to perform their missions effectively in an area of responsibility that encompasses six of the seven continents, 71 countries, and more than 74 million square miles of ocean - - from the U.S. Western States to Asia, and from the Arctic to Antarctica.

Prior to serving at Pacific Area, Senior Chief Paauwe served as the IT Shop Supervisor at Electronic Systems Support Division of Base Alameda, an Instructor at Information Systems Technician "A" School at Training Center Petaluma, Electronic Support Detachment San Diego, USCGC SHERMAN, and the Coast Guard Presidential Ceremonial Honor Guard, Alexandria, VA.

Senior Chief Paauwe is a proud graduate of the Chief Petty Officer Academy Class 227 and longtime member of the Chief Petty Officers Association.

Senior Chief Paauwe's military awards include: Coast Guard Commendation Medal; Three CG Achievement Medals; three Commandant's Letter of Commendations; the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and several other personal and unit awards. He has earned a permanent CG Honor Guard insignia device.

He has been married to Melissa Paauwe of Fremont, CA since 2013. They are the very proud parents of son Tate and daughter Savannah.

Statement of Nomination:

It would be a privilege and honor to serve as a National CPOA Regional Advisor. My desire is driven by my passion to provide support to our shipmates and their families and give my energy to support the backbone of our association, to our chapters and branches. My credibility to serve in this capacity comes from not only my career thus far, but from also having been an active member of both CGEA and CPOA — the latter of which I served three years as Golden Gate's chapter VP and President. These experiences gave me an innate understanding of the critical value the organization brings to the Coast Guard and the vast opportunities that the organization offers to its members.