



NEIL A. GARRAND
Senior Chief Petty Officer, USCG

Biography:

Senior Chief Garrand has over 18 years of Coast Guard experience and is currently assigned as Assistant School Chief of Information Systems Technician (IT) School in Petaluma, CA. He oversees the IT school curriculum, school schedules, and administrative functions required to train 130 new ITs for the fleet every year.

Prior to serving as IT Assistant School Chief, Senior Chief Garrand was Assistant Supervisor of Base Alameda Electronic Systems Support Division (ESD), and a Master Training Specialist at IT School in Petaluma. Before that, he attended college at California State University East Bay as a selected participant of the Coast Guard's Advanced Computer Engineering Technology (ACET) program. Other assignments include Electronic Support Unit Portsmouth, Electronic Support Detachment Elizabeth City, IT "A" School training, and Coast Guard Cutter ACACIA in Charlevoix, MI.

Senior Chief Garrand is a graduate of Chief Petty Officer Academy Class 230 and completed Chief's initiation on 04NOV2016. He has been a Chief Petty Officer Association (CPOA) member since 2016.

Senior Chief Garrand holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Architectural Engineering. His awards include Coast Guard Commendation Medal, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, three Commandant Letters of Commendation, six Good Conduct Medals, and numerous other unit and personal awards.

He was born and raised in Rochester, NY and currently resides in Santa Rosa, CA. He has a nine year old daughter named Kelsie.

Statement of Nomination:

I would be honored to serve as a Regional Advisor for CPOA. I had the privilege to serve as Vice President and Secretary of the Golden Gate CPOA Chapter. I felt a great sense of fulfillment through our support of chiefs and junior members. Being an active cog of the CPOA has helped me understand the value the organization has to the Coast Guard and our members. I would love the opportunity to continue a high level of engagement with the CPOA as a member of the National Board of Directors.

