

Master Chief Jarl E. Pellinen
United States Coast Guard Reserve
Sector Long Island Sound Command Master Chief



Master Chief Pellinen assumed the duties as the Reserve Command Master Chief for Sector Long Island Sound in October of 2014. His primary responsibility is to advise the Sector Commander on issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard Reserve members within the Sector. Sector Long Island Sound area of responsibility covers Long Island Sound from the New York - Connecticut border to the Connecticut - Rhode Island border at Watch Hill, RI. Most recently Master Chief Pellinen served as the Assistant Engineering Officer at Port Security Unit 301, Cape Cod, MA.

Master Chief Jarl Pellinen enlisted into the Coast Guard in October of 1995 and attended recruit basic training at TRACEN Cape May, NJ. Upon completion, he reported to CG Search and Rescue Detachment Moriches on Long Island, NY. At the rank of Fireman, his duties included small boat engineer and boarding team member for search & rescue and law enforcement missions. Most notable was his direct involvement as first boat on scene for the recovery efforts of the tragic airliner plane crash, TWA Flight 800, in July of 1996.

Further pursuing his military career, MCPO Pellinen attended Machinery Technician School at TRACEN Yorktown, VA. Upon graduation he reported to the Coast Guard Cutter Northland home ported in Portsmouth, VA. While serving on board the cutter he conducted numerous large quantity narcotic seizures, SAR operations, and was advanced to the rank of Machinery Technician 2nd Class.

In May of 2000 MCPO Pellinen returned to New England and reported to CG Station Castle Hill, in Newport RI. During November of 2002, having completed his second enlistment contract, he transitioned into Coast Guard Reserves. Shortly after joining the reserve program he was recalled back to active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, conducting waterside security in New York harbor. Upon advancement to Chief Petty Officer in September of 2004, he took on the role of Senior Enlisted Reserve Advisor for the reserve program at Station Castle Hill. After filling the SERA position for six years, MCPO Pellinen was advanced to the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer and transferred to Port Security Unit 301 Engineering Division. While with PSU 301, he deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as the Assistant Engineering Officer.

Master Chief Pellinen is a graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer's Academy and the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course. Additionally, he holds an Associates of Architectural Design Technology from Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, CT.

Master Chief Pellinen' personal awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal with an operational distinguishing device; Joint Service Achievement Medal, two Coast Guard Achievement Medal's with an operational distinguishing device; Coast Guard Letter of Commendation ribbon with an operational distinguishing device; (6) Good Conduct awards; and numerous other individual and unit awards. He also earned a Boat Forces Operations insignia and the Port Security Insignia.

Master Chief Pellinen hails from Griswold, CT. He is married to Rebecca and they have one son, Mason.