



Senior Chief Charles “Rob” Northcott Sector Detroit Command Senior Chief



Senior Chief Northcott is currently assigned as the Command Senior Chief of Coast Guard Sector Detroit, Michigan, assuming duty in July 2021. Sector Detroit supports eleven subordinate units with an assigned area of responsibility stretching from Vermillion, Ohio, west and northward beyond Tawas, Michigan along 427 miles of international border with Canada through Lakes Erie, St. Clair and Huron and along the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers.

Senior Chief Northcott’s first assignment was the USCGC POINT HIGHLAND (WPB 82333) in Cape May, New Jersey after enlisting in the USCG in September of 1997. After completing two years in Cape May, Senior Chief Northcott was transferred to Station St. Clair Shores, Michigan in January of 2000. While at Station St. Clair Shores, Senior Chief Northcott achieved the rank of BM2. During this assignment, Senior Chief Northcott reported to Activities New York on September 17th, 2001 in support of Operation Guarding Liberty. During Operation Guarding Liberty, he spent 34 days conducting Security and Law Enforcement Operations after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centers. In 2003 Senior Chief Northcott reported to Marinette, Wisconsin as a member of the commissioning crew for the USCGC HOLLYHOCK (WLB 214). After four years as a PLANKOWNER, Senior Chief Northcott reported to his first Command Cadre position as the Executive Petty Officer of Aids to Navigation Team Detroit, Michigan. In the spring of 2010, Senior Chief Northcott reported aboard the USCGC KODIAK ISLAND (WPB 1341) in Key West, Florida. In December 2011, he was advanced to the rank of Chief Boatswain Mate. In July of 2012, Senior Chief Northcott returned to the Detroit area as the Executive Petty Officer of Station Belle Isle. Senior Chief Northcott was assigned as the Officer in Charge of Aids to Navigation Team Detroit from 2015 to 2018. He then reported to Burlington, VT to serve as the Officer in Charge of CG STANT Burlington and was advanced to the rank of Senior Chief on August 1st. After his tour in Vermont, Senior Chief Northcott returned to Sector Detroit and assumed the role of Command Senior Chief on July 1st, 2021.



Throughout his career, Senior Chief Northcott has earned certifications as ATON Coxswain on the 49’ BUSL, 26’ TANB and 21’ TANB as well as both Tactical and Pursuit Coxswain on the 45’ RBM and 25’ RBS, other Coxswain certifications include the 41’UTB, 29’ RBS-II, 22’ UTM, 21’ RHI and various Cutter Small Boats. He has earned his Permanent Cutterman Insignia, Advanced Boat Forces Insignia and is a graduate of Class 195 of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy. Senior Chief Northcott has been awarded four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, a Commandant’s Letter of Commendation, and the DOT 9-11 Medal.

Senior Chief Northcott is married to Kristen E. Northcott. They have three children, Abigail, Rebecca, and Charlie.