



Jolena M. Kinsman
Command Senior Chief, Sector Buffalo



Senior Chief Jolena Kinsman assumed the duties as the Command Senior Chief for Sector Buffalo, NY in May 2022. She serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the Sector Commander. In this capacity she provides advice to the Sector Commander on issues and initiatives pertaining to approximately 500 Coast Guard members and their families throughout the Sector area of responsibility.

Sector Buffalo encompasses 15 Coast Guard Stations / Units that are responsible for approximately 570 miles of shoreline in the Eastern Great Lakes from Vermillion, Ohio to Massena, NY. Most recently Senior Chief Kinsman served as an instructor at the Chief Petty Officer Academy.

Senior Chief Kinsman enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in July of 2004 and attended Recruit Basic Training in Cape May, NJ (Charlie 169). Her previous assignments include Group Mobile, ATC Mobile, Sector Miami, Naval Engineering Support Unit Miami, Station Ocean City, Station Sand Key, Sector San Juan, Atlantic Area Command, and Chief Petty Officer Academy.



Senior Chief Kinsman holds a Bachelor's of Science in Technical Management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. She is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Class, U. S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy Class CCXVI (226), and U. S. Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course 89.

Originally from Mansfield, Ohio, Senior Chief Kinsman enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in July 2004. Her personnel awards include two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and three Coast Guard Commandant Letter of Commendation Ribbons.