



GMCS Laurie A. Kennedy **Command Senior Chief Sector Maryland –** **National Capital Region (NCR)**



Senior Chief Laurie A. Kennedy assumed duties as the Sector Maryland National Capital Region Command Senior Chief in June 2018.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Laurie A. Kennedy was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She enlisted in the United States Coast Guard Reserves in 1999 and attended Recruit Basic Training Center Cape May, New Jersey, graduating with Company Delta 155. Her Reserve time was based at Activities New York located in Staten Island, New York. She attended Gunner's Mate "A" School at Training Center Yorktown, Virginia and graduated as a Gunner's Mate Third Class in July 2001.

After the events of September 11, 2001, Senior Chief Kennedy received Title 10 orders to Activities New York Detachment Sandy Hook Armory for two years. Upon the completion of that contract, she accepted an Extended Active Duty contract for two additional years.

Upon completion of that contract in September of 2005, Senior Chief Kennedy, integrated to active duty and was transferred to Maritime Safety and Security Team Boston (91110). Her follow on tours include Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay, GA, Coast Guard Cutters MORGENTHAU, JARVIS Decommissioning Crew, WAESCHE, and as a Program Reviewer in CG-821 Office of Budget as Programs with specific focus on personnel and training.

Senior Chief Kennedy's personal awards include the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, CG Commendation Medal (2), 9-11 Medal, CG Achievement Medal (3), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, among various other personal and unit awards. Her notable accomplishments include earning her Boat Forces Operations insignia pin and being the first woman in Coast Guard history to advance to the rank of Senior Chief Gunner's Mate.

Senior Chief Kennedy's leadership achievements include serving as the Command Chief on Coast Guard Cutters MORGENTHAU and JARVIS, selection to the Commandant's Leadership, Excellence and Diversity Council and member of the Commandant's Transition Team. She is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Leadership Course, the Chief Petty Officer Academy, and the Air Force Non-Commissioned Officers Academy.