



Neil C. Holmdahl

Reserve Command Master Chief
Coast Guard Pacific Area



MCPO Holmdahl assumed the duties of Reserve Command Master Chief in November of 2004. MCPO Holmdahl, after graduation from Dublin High School, enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on 11 JUL 76. He attended Boot Camp at TRACEN Alameda and graduated with Company Oscar-Golf 108. MCPO Holmdahl attended SM A and QM A school in Orlando, FL. And upon graduation was assigned to the USCGC Sweetgum in Mayport, FL. MCPO Holmdahl was transferred to the USCGC Burton Island for Deep Freeze '78 and transferred to TRACEN Alameda as a Recruit Instructor after the decommissioning of the Burton Island, where he taught Seamanship, Damage Control, Fire Fighting, First Aid, and General Military indoctrination. In January of 1981 MCPO Holmdahl left the active duty Coast Guard to pursue a career in Fire Fighting. He attended Chabot College in Hayward California while assigned as Assistant Training Officer at CGRU Yerba Buena Island III. In 1984 He was assigned as First Lieutenant onboard the USCGC Pt. Heyer reserve crew. In 1986 He transferred to the USCGC Cape Romain as the Reserve XPO. In 1989 after decommissioning of the Cape Romain , he took the assignment of reserve XPO on the Pt. Brower. In 1991 MCPO transferred to CGRU MLB Station Golden Gate as XPO. In July 1992 MCPO Holmdahl was assigned as Officer in Charge of CGRU Station Rio Vista. In 1995 after a successful 2½-year tour CGRU Rio Vista was disestablished as the first PACAREA unit to fully integrate into team Coast Guard and the Active Duty. MCPO Holmdahl was assigned to PSU 311 Boat Division. In OCT 2001 MCPO was transferred to Pacific Area Operation where he worked PSU and Expeditionary Warfare issues. He is a graduate of the Chief Petty Officers Academy Reserve Class VI, JUL 98.



MCPO Holmdahl awards include 2 Coast Guard Commendation Medals with "O" device, Coast Guard Achievement Medal with "O" device, 3 Commandants Letters of Commendation ribbons with "O" device, DOT Outstanding Unit Award, Coast Guard Unit Commendation ribbon with "O" device, 3 Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbons with "O" device, 4 Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation ribbons with "O" device, Coast Guard Bicentennial ribbon, Coast Guard Good conduct Medal, 5 Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medals, Antarctic Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, 2 Special Operations ribbons, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hour glass "M" and "2", Coast Guard Expert Rifle, and Coast Guard Expert Pistol. He has earned the Surface Operations, Coxswain, and Port Security Unit breast insignias. He was the first Reservist to be certified by the Active Duty Eleventh District OINC Board as a qualified OINC "Multi Mission Ashore". MCPO Holmdahl received the U.S. Navy League Oakland Chapter's "Reservist of the Year" in 1984, and again in 1989.