



U.S. Coast Guard Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise



Mr. Harold (Mark) Belt serves as a Senior Marine Inspector, Lead Instructor, and Technical Advisor at the Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise (TVNCOE). He retired from our office in Sept 2021 as a CWO4 with 33 years of Military service to include over 17 years of Marine Inspector experience. During that time, he has attained 10 domestic vessel qualifications and 5 foreign vessel qualifications.

While on Active Duty he arrived at the TVNCOE in Paducah, KY in 2017, he has also served as the Advanced Journeyman at Sector Saint Petersburg, FL a feeder point where he trained Journeyman and apprentice Journeyman inspectors. Other past assignments as a marine inspector include Sector North Carolina, at Detached Duty Nags Head NC, assistant supervisor and Advanced Journeyman; Sector Guam, ACID, Advanced Journeyman and Sector Safety Officer; and Sector Hampton Roads, Marine Inspector and Sector Safety Officer.

Prior to becoming a Marine Inspector, he completed 13 years enlisted service in the Coast Guard as an Aviation Survival Technician (AST), which included collateral duties as a nationally registered emergency medical technician (EMT) and helicopter rescue swimmer (RS). He was qualified in both the HH65 and HH60 helicopters. As an AST his past assignments include Air Station Miami, FL, Air Station New Orleans, LA, Aviation Training Center (ATC) Mobile, AL, working at the Aviation Life Support Equipment Prime Unit (ALSE); and Aviation Technical Training Center (ATTC) Elizabeth City, NC, working as the Team Chief at the AST/RS A-school. He also has 2.1 years credited sea time on the Coast Guard Cutter Saginaw (WLIC-803) prior to becoming an AST.

Mark's Honors and Awards on active duty include five CG Commendation Medals, three CG Achievement Medals, 11 CG Commandants letter of Commendations.

Originally, from Hodgenville, a small town in Kentucky known as the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, Mark graduated from Larue County High School in 1986 and attended Elizabethtown Community College, and Campbellsville University before joining the Coast Guard in the fall of 1988. Considered a Subject Matter Expert in Marine Inspections, he is also a Water Safety Instructor, Coast Guard Instructor, and certified as an ISO 9001:2015 Lead-Internal Management Systems Auditor.