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***CREDENTIALS***

Thirty years in the United States Coast Guard were serving as a Boatswains Mate and Chief Warrant Officer (BOSN). Experienced in the operation, navigation and maintenance of vessels ranging from small craft to ships. Maintenance and proper use of aids to navigation. Directly and indirectly involved in thousands of Search and Rescue cases. Conducted a myriad of law enforcement boarding's to ensure vessels were in compliance with federal laws and safety requirements. Conducted appropriate investigations when necessary, as well as inspected and issued citations for vessels, marinas, chemical facilities, oil transfer stations, tow boats and barges. Prepared comprehensive case files, written reports, affidavits, and provided testimony in cases involving marine related accidents, pollution incidents, illegal immigration, and drug interdiction. My experience encompasses operation and maintenance of vessels in and upon the high seas, inland waterways, western rivers, inland lakes and rivers.

***EXPERIENCE***

**1992 – *PRESENT MARINE SAFETY CONSULTANT***

Provided consulting and litigation support for plaintiff and defendant for over 23 years. Investigate and analyze marine mishaps. Determine likelihood of product liability, human error, negligence, and gross negligence for litigation support. Provide expert testimony in trials and depositions throughout the United States in both state and federal court. Prepare affidavits and written reports for litigation. I have been involved in litigation support in cases involving negligent operation, violations of U S Coast Guard Navigation Rules, wake damage, violations of state boating laws, vessel maintenance, jet ski and wave runner mishaps, OSHA Regulations, ABYC Standards, Jones Act, Longshoreman, personal flotation devices, aids to navigation, marlinspike seamanship, docks, seawalls, Safety Management System, captain and crew responsibility, and warning signs that apply to a marine environment.

**1962 – 1992 *UNITED STATES COAST GUARD***

**1989 – 1992 *Coast Guard Station Ft. Pierce, Ft. Pierce, Florida***

Commanding Officer, responsible for the supervision and training of personnel, search and rescue, environmental protection, alien interdiction; accident investigation, law enforcement, shore and vessel maintenance, boat crew, radio watch standers, Officer of the Day; unit safety board, responding to all marine incidents from Florida coast to Bahamas, operation and maintenance of boats. Unit responded to over 1,000 search and rescue and law enforcement missions.

**1985 – 1989 Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet, West Palm Beach, Florida**

Commanding Officer, with identical responsibilities elaborated above. Unit responded to over 3,000 search and rescue and law enforcement missions.

**1981 – 1985 Coast Guard Group Key West, Key West, Florida**

Operations Officer, directing operations from Key Largo to Key West, quarterly inspection of all Coast Guard vessels in immediate area to ensure operational capabilities, safety, personnel performance, search and rescue, boat crew training, navigational rules training, material conformance, maintain Coast Guard compliance standards, conducted numerous marine investigations. Collateral duties, security officer, Coast Guard liaison officer with U.S. Navy Investigative Service to conduct internal affairs investigations, the safety board, aids to navigation officer, morale officer, and training officer.

**1980 – 1981 Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton, Boston, Massachusetts**

Division Officer, accountable for deck department and all deck operations and personnel, shipboard maintenance of all decks and bulkheads, maintenance and operation of all running and standing rigging, operation of ships small boats, training of Coast Guard personnel, Officer of the Deck, and unit safety board, law enforcement boarding officer.

**1978 – 1980 Coast Guard Loran Station Cape San Juan, Fajardo, Puerto Rico**

Officer in charge, responsible for all station operations, small boat operations for search and rescue, marine safety, law enforcement and offshore Aids to Navigation, station and boat maintenance.

**1976 – 1978 Marine Safety Office Paducah, Paducah, Kentucky**

Senior enlisted inspector, conducted compliance inspections and investigations related to tow boats and barges, administered written exams for the tow boat operators. Investigate and monitor chemical and oil spill cleanup. Member of unit safety board.

**1973 – 1976 Coast Guard Light Attendant Station, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands**

Officer in Charge, responsible for onshore and offshore Aids to Navigation in St. Thomas and St. John. Assist Marine Safety Office in conducting investigations related to commercial vessels, pleasure craft, and environmental protection. Performed law enforcement, search and rescue missions.

**1962 - 1973 Miscellaneous Assignments,**

Coast Guard Cutter Androscoggin, Miami, Fl., Coast Guard Cutter Chautauqua, Honolulu, Hi, Coast Guard Loran Station Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, Coast Guard Air Station, St. Petersburg, Fl., Coast Guard Cutter Point Swift, St. Petersburg, Florida, Coast Guard Loran and Light Attendant Station, Venice Florida, Coast Guard Cutter Dauntless, Miami, Fl., Coast Guard Air Station, Miami, Fl.

References available upon request

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