



Michael Little is a well-known advocate across the country for Military Suicide Awareness and Veteran Treatment within the Veterans Affairs Administration.

Currently a 2nd Class Petty Officer in the Navy Reserves, he has served in the United States Navy for over 12 years as an Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handler, serving aboard the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) and USS Tarawa (LHA 1), while on active duty, and multiple units while serving in the reserves. His military decorations include: Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Navy Sea Service Deployment with 1 Bronze Star, Navy Overseas Service Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" and "2" Devices, and NATO ISAF Medal, just to name a few. Petty Officer Little is also Air and Surface Warfare Qualified.

He served two tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan as a Detention Operations Officer back to back while in the Reserves, serving under the command of the Army's 303rd MP Battalion in Iraq, and 16th MP (Airborne) Battalion in Afghanistan, and is designated to wear the Airborne Tab, and multiple Army Combat Patches.

Michael is a member of numerous Veteran Service Organizations, but is most notably active as a Life Member in the American Legion, American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. When he is not advocating for Veterans, Michael enjoys spending time with his wife Elizabeth, who is an Active Duty Hospital Corpsman in the US Coast Guard and volunteering with his local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla.

Mr. Little is a Past Master of Walpole-Tuscan Lodge #630 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is the Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows both located in his hometown of Illinois. He is a member of the Scottish and York Rite Bodies of the Masons, and is an Active Member in the Ainad Shrine located in East St. Louis.

Little is a McLeansboro, Illinois native, who currently resides in the Washington D.C. Beltway and has recently worked as the Veterans Legislation Analyst & Liaison for New York State Senator Mark Grisanti, where he helped the Senator support Veterans of the 60th district located in Buffalo.

Currently Michael is the Director of Military and Veteran's Benefits at the Association of the United States Navy, which is the leading voice for America's Sailors and the premier advocate for a stronger Navy.

Mr. Little maintains the Moto he learned at the Buffalo Veteran's Treatment Court, "Leave No Veteran Behind!" For further information about Michael visit his webpage (<http://www.michaeljosephlittle.com>)



*"There are no great men. Just great challenges which ordinary men, out of necessity, are forced by circumstances to meet." – Fleet Admiral William F. "Bull" Halsey*