

Michael Little is a well-known advocate across the country for Military and Veteran Suicide Awareness, Veteran Treatment within the Veterans Affairs Administration and Military Personnel related issues within the United States Navy and Coast Guard.

Currently a 2nd Class Petty Officer in the Navy Individual Ready Reserves (S2), he has served in the United States Navy for over 16 years as an Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handler, serving aboard the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) as a Plankowner, 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, 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 Aviation Boatswain's Mates Association (ABMA), currently serving on the Board of Directors and as the Public Affairs Officer for the organization, the Association of the United States Navy (AUSN), where is the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, and the United States Naval Institute (USNI), where is an advisor to the Enlisted Outreach Coordinator. 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 his two children. A Son nicknamed "The Admiral" who was named after Fleet Admiral Halsey from WWII, who is three, and a daughter nicknamed "The Commodore" who is named after Michael's grandmother and WWII Rosie the Riveter and Welder Mary, who is 1.

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, IL and the Hadi Shrine located in Evansville, IN. Michael has a deep belief in his faith as a Catholic and is very proud to be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Little is a McLeansboro, Illinois native, who currently resides in Cape May, NJ and has previously 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, NY.

After spending four years as the Director of Legislative Affairs and Government Relations at the Association of the United States Navy, which is the premier advocate for a stronger Navy on Capitol Hill and within the Executive Branch, he started his own consulting firm Sea Service Family, Consulting ([www.seaservicefamily.com](http://www.seaservicefamily.com)) and nonprofit Sea Service Family, Foundation ([www.seaservicefamily.org](http://www.seaservicefamily.org)).

Mr. Little maintains the Moto he learned at the Buffalo Veteran's Treatment Court, "Leave No Veteran Behind!" #NoVeteranLeftBehind