



Michael Little is a well-known advocate across the country for Military and Veterans Suicide Awareness, Veteran Treatment within the Veterans Affairs Administration and Military Personnel related issues within the United States Navy and Coast Guard. He is currently the National Executive Director at the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association of the United States Coast Guard.

Formerly a 2nd Class Petty Officer in the United States Navy, who served his country for 18 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. During these deployments he was accredited with a Department of Labor Certificate as a Corrections Officer Journeyman Apprentice.

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. When he is not advocating for Veterans, Michael enjoys spending time with his wife Elizabeth, who is an Active-Duty Hospital Corpsman Chief Petty Officer 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 four, and a daughter nicknamed "The Commodore" who is named after Michael's grandmother and was a WWII Rosie the Riveter and Welder, Mary, who is 3.

Mr. Little is a Past Master of Polk Lodge #137 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. Michael has a deep belief in his faith as a Catholic and is very proud to be a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Little is a McLeansboro, Illinois native, who graduated from both Rend Lake College in Ina, Illinois and Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

*"There are no great men, only great challenges that ordinary men are forced by circumstances to meet."
Fleet Admiral William Frederick Halsey Jr.*