



# COMMAND MASTER CHIEF

LANCE E. WILLIAMS  
CTTCM (SW)

Master Chief Williams was born in San Diego, California. He joined the Navy in December 1969 and attended Boot Camp in San Diego.

Master Chief Williams then went to CTT "A" School in Pensacola, Florida. He was sent overseas to Okinawa, Japan and then to Guam. Other duty stations include Imperial Beach (NCS San Diego), California; Rota, Spain; USS FIFE (DD-991), San Diego, CA; Senior Enlisted Academy; and Winter Harbor, Michigan.

Master Chief Williams has a wife named Jane, a son Jeffrey, and a daughter Erin.

## JAMES IREDELL WADDELL



James Iredell Waddell, born in Pittsboro, North Carolina, on 13 July 1824, was appointed midshipman on 10 September 1841 and assigned duty on ship-of-the-line PENNSYLVANIA. He took part in the Mexican War, followed by sea service aboard sloop-of-war GERMANTOWN, and duty as an instructor in navigation at the United States Naval Academy. After the outbreak of the Civil War, Waddell resigned his commission as Lieutenant, U.S. Navy. His name was struck from the U.S. Navy Rolls on 18 January 1862.

Waddell entered the confederate Service and was appointed a Lieutenant in the Confederate States Navy on 27 May 1862. After performing various duties, Waddell sailed in March 1863 for France to take command of the merchant steamer, SEA KING purchased by Confederate agents. The ship was outfitted out as a ship-of-war and renamed CSS SHENANDOAH.

Under orders to concentrate on the previously unmolested New England fishing fleet in the Pacific, he proceeded to Melbourne, Australia, putting to the torch five prizes along the way. While undergoing repairs in Melbourne, Waddell made a brief and successful court defense against a charge of alleged recruiting of neutrals. His radiant friendliness and bearing were very helpful in obtaining volunteers, and so, when SHENANDOAH was safely out to sea on 18 February 1865, forty-two welcome "stowaways" appeared on her deck. Waddell cruised near Acension Island, through the Sea of Okhotsk and into the Bering Sea, capturing many prizes along the way.

In August 1865, upon hearing of the collapse of the Confederacy, Waddell disregarded advice to beach his ship or sail her to some British colonial port where each of his men would fend for himself. Instead he sailed his ship from a position one thousand miles west of Acapulco, Mexico to Liverpool, England, and surrendered his ship to the British authorities for turnover to the U.S. Government. His outstanding courage, confidence, and magnificent seamanship had taken SHENANDOAH seventeen thousand miles by way of Cape Horn to England arriving 6 November 1865.

Waddell had traversed sixty thousand miles in twelve months and seventeen days, taken thirty-eight prizes and never lost an engagement.

Waddell died in Annapolis, Maryland, on 15 March 1886.