



**FCCM(SW/AW) William F.
Slingerland
Command Master Chief
USS WASP (LHD-1)
United States Navy**

Master Chief Slingerland graduated with a Regents diploma from public high school in Ravena, New York in June 1970 and attended the State University of New York, earning an Associates of Arts and Sciences degree in Journalism. He enlisted in the United States navy in August 1972, attending recruit training in Orlando, Florida. As a seaman, he attended Fire Control Technician Class "A" School and Basic Electronics and Electricity School at Service Schools Command, Great Lakes, Illinois and was subsequently ordered to serve in *USS BOWEN (DE 1079)* from May 1973 through October 1976.

Upon completion of Gunfire Control Mk 86 Class "C" School, he was transferred to the pre-commissioning crew of *USS BRISCOE (DD 977)* in which he served as technician and Leading Petty Officer of Fox Division from May 1978 until December 1980.

After receiving Instructor Training, he served as Gunfire Control System Mk 86 instructor at Service Schools Command, Great Lakes from February 1980 until June 1983 and was recognized by the Chief of Naval Technical Training as a "Master Training Specialist." In July 1983, he reported to *USS O'BANNON (DD 987)*, where he served as Combat Systems Department Leading Chief Petty Officer until July 1986. He reported in August of that year for duty as a Naval Gunfire

Support Mobile Team Training instructor at Naval Amphibious School, Little Creek, Virginia. In November 1989, he was selected to serve as Command Master Chief in *USS VIRGINIA (CGN 39)*. During this tour, *VIRGINIA* deployed to the Eastern Mediterranean Sea in direct support of Operations Desert Shield/Storm. Subsequently, Master Chief served as CNO-directed Command Master Chief for Commander, Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet from June 1991 until December 1993, and in January 1994, he reported to *USS WASP (LHD-1)* as Command Master Chief.

Master Chief Slingerland's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (two), Navy Achievement Medal (two), Battle Efficiency "E" (two), Good Conduct Medal (six), National Defense Medal (two), Southwest Asia Service Medal (two Bronze Stars), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (five), Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS), and Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS).

Master Chief Slingerland is married to the former Donna Marie Jones of Ravena, New York. They have three daughters: Jill, Lisa, and Kelly, and a son, Brian. They currently make their home in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

