

# ROBERT W. CONYERS

Master Chief Hospital Corpsman, U.S. Navy  
(Air Warfare)  
USS TORTUGA (LSD 46)



**HMCM (AW) Robert W. Conyers, USN**

Master Chief Conyers was born in Philadelphia, PA December 10, 1948. After graduating from Edison High School in Philadelphia, he enlisted in August 1966, attending basic training at Recruit Training Center, San Diego, CA. He then attended Hospital Corps "A" School also in San Diego with a follow-on assignment to the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, NH. In February 1968 he reported to Field Medical Service School at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA and in March was assigned to the 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Reinforced), Republic of Vietnam with an additional assignment to the 3rd Combined Action Group, III Marine Amphibious Force. Following his assignments in the Republic of Vietnam he reported to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard Dispensary in April 1969 and in September of that year, he separated from active duty.

Immediately following his separation from active duty, he affiliated with the Naval Reserve and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 14th Marines, 4th Marine Division in Philadelphia while attending school. In April 1972, he returned to active duty and was assigned to the Naval Dispensary, Navy Department, Washington DC, and while working at the Naval Security Station Clinic was selected for advanced training. He transferred to the Naval Regional Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA and attended the Medical Services Technician course of instruction and was subsequently assigned to Independent Duty aboard the USS DIRECT (MSO 430). From sea duty he reported to Inspector-Instructor Staff Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines in Texarkana, Texas and there was advanced to Chief Petty Officer. Following that tour of duty he returned to sea duty with Fleet Training Group at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, assigned as the Department Head and Senior Specialist. He then reported to the Staff, Commander, Naval Surface Force, US Atlantic Fleet, as a Medical Readiness Inspector and during that period was advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer. He returned to

sea duty in May 1986 with the staff of Commander, Amphibious Squadron Ten. Following these assignments he attended the Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 39, in Newport, RI where he was the recipient of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association Distinguished Graduate Award. After graduation he reported to the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA. During that assignment he was advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer and deployed to Saudi Arabia with Fox Company, 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic in support of Operations Desert Shield and Storm. He reported to the Philadelphia Naval Medical Clinic in June 1993 as the Command Master Chief and served as such until his selection to Command Master Chief and Senior Enlisted Advisor to Commander, Naval Base, Philadelphia in January 1994. In January 1996, following the disestablishment of the Naval Base in Philadelphia, he reported to his present assignment onboard USS TORTUGA (LSD 46) as Command Master Chief. Master Chief Conyers' personal awards include the Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (with Gold Star), Navy Achievement Medal (with Gold Star), the Combat Action Ribbon as well as unit and campaign awards. Additionally, he has qualified as an Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist and for the Fleet Marine Force Ribbon. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New York in January 1993. The Master Chief is married to the former Barbara Kuchinsky of Camden, New Jersey. They have two children, Nancy and Douglas.