

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## G.J. WENDEL, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER USN

Lieutenant Commander Wendel received his commission through the ROTC program at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, graduating with a Bachelors degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering. He also graduated with a Masters degree in Management from Salve Regina University in Newport Rhode Island.

Lieutenant Commander Wendel's previous service has included the following assignments: U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida; commissioning Executive Officer in USS Oriole (MHC-55) homeported in Ingleside, Texas; Chief Engineer in USS Thach (FFG-43), homeported in Yokosuka, Japan as part of the Forward Deployed Naval Forces; Diesel Engineering Training Division at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command in Newport, Rhode Island; and as a Division Officer in the Engineering Department in USS La Moure County (LST-1194), homeported in Little Creek, Virginia.

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), and other various service and campaign awards.

# COMMAND MASTER CHIEF



## D.A. PENNINGTON, MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER USNR

Master Chief Dave Pennington, a native of Lexington Kentucky, enlisted in the Navy on 17 December 1977. He attended Basic Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois and graduated from PN "A" School at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Meridian, Mississippi in May 1978.

Master Chief Pennington has served both in the aviation and surface community, completing three Mediterranean cruises onboard USS Saratoga with VF 103. He qualified as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist aboard the USS Samuel Eliot Morrison and was subsequently selected to Chief Petty Officer. He attended Senior Enlisted Academy, was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer, and then Master Chief Petty Officer. In January 1998, Master Chief Petty Officer Pennington reported to Naval Reserve Personnel Command in New Orleans, Louisiana as the E8/9 Detailer. Master Chief Pennington screened as Command Master Chief and detailed himself to what he called the best job in the Navy. Command Master Chief afloat. Master Chief Pennington joined the Training and Administration of Reserve (TAR) program in 1981. His tours of duty have taken he and his wife and two children to Charleston, SC, Washington D.C., NAS Barbers Point Hawaii, and New Orleans, LA.

Master Chief Pennington is entitled to wear the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal (four awards), Good Conduct Medal (five awards), National Defense Service Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (two awards). In addition, he is qualified as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist.