



MICHAEL J. LITTLE
Chief Advocacy Officer



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 Chief Advocacy Officer at the Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America (NCOA).

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. Petty Officer Little is also Air and Surface Warfare Qualified.

He served two back-to-back tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan as a Detention Operations Officer 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 in the US Coast Guard and his two children – a son, 4, nicknamed "The Admiral" after Fleet Admiral Halsey from WWII, and a daughter, 2, nicknamed "The Commodore" and named after Michael's grandmother who was a WWII Rosie the Riveter and Welder.

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 in 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, IL native, who graduated from both Rend Lake College in Ina, Illinois and Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL. He is currently enrolled at The College of William & Mary, where he is taking an online Certificate in Military and Veterans Health, Policy and Advocacy (MVHPA).

Mr. Little resides in Cape May, NJ and has previously worked as the Veterans Legislation Analyst & Liaison for New York State Senator Mark Grisanti, where he helped the Senator support Veterans of the 60th District located in

Buffalo, NY. During his time with Senator Grisanti he was awarded the New York Senate's highest award for Civilians, The New York State Liberty Award. He spent four years as the Director of Legislative Affairs and Government Relations at the Association of the United States Navy.

During the 2020 elections, Michael was recruited to serve as the Director for Military and Veterans Engagement at the Republican National Committee, where he helped activate over 80,000 GOP Veterans in all 50 states to get out and knock on doors, make phone calls, register voters and Get Out The Vote on behalf of candidates from the President of the United States, candidates running for the House and Senate, State Assemblies and Senate, Judges, and local offices. Following the November 2020 elections, Little was hired by the Georgia Republican Party to serve as the Deputy Elections Day Operations Director, in charge of Election Day Operations for Region 1 (Atlanta) and ensuring Election Security during the 2021 Georgia Senate Runoff.

He also runs his own consulting firm Sea Service Family, Consulting (www.seaservicefamily.com) and nonprofit Sea Service Family, Foundation (www.seaservicefamily.org).

Mr. Little maintains the motto he learned at the Buffalo Veteran's Treatment Court, "Leave No Veteran Behind!"
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