



## CMC (EXW/SCW/SW) Vance A. Melanson, USN

Senior Enlisted Leader, Navy Expeditionary Medical Support Command

Chief Vance Melanson was born October 29, 1971 in Norwich, CT. He graduated in June 1991 from Harvard H. Ellis Regional Vocational Technical School specializing in automotive technology. He enlisted in the Navy in 1993. His various duty assignments include ACB2, CNSWDG, NSWU-2, NMCB-5 and NSWG-TWO. He is currently assigned as Senior Enlisted Leader for Navy Expeditionary Medical Support Command.

Upon completion of Construction Mechanic "A" School in Gulfport, MS his first assignment was Amphibious Construction Battalion Two, Little Creek VA. CMCN Melanson was assigned to Delta Company and deployed

aboard the U.S.S. Nashville as part of the U.S. Navy Beachmaster Team in support of the 24<sup>TH</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). As a newly frocked CM3 he took part in the rescue effort for downed Air force Pilot, Capt. Scott O' Grady, in addition he earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Qualification.

In November 1995 he was selected for duty at Naval Special Warfare Development Group (CNSWDG), Damneck, VA. Assigned to the Logistics department, he was responsible for testing and evaluating ground mobility equipment. During his tour at CNSWDG he earned his Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist Qualification, Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewman Qualification and was promoted to First Class Petty Officer.

In 2000, he attended Construction Mechanic "C" School in Gulfport, MS where he graduated with honors and proceeded to his next assignment at Naval Special Warfare Unit Two in Stuttgart, Germany. At NSWU-TWO he was assigned as the Engineering and Facilities Department Head. He led four National Security Agency directed operations and was the driving force in the completion of \$9M worth of facility improvements. While there he earned the Schutzenschnur in Gold (German Armed Forces Badge for Weapons Proficiency) and Fallschirmspringerabzeichen (German Armed Forces Parachutist Badge).

His next assignment was to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Five (NMCB-5), Port Hueneme, CA. He was selected to Chief Petty Officer in 2004 and was assigned to AIR DET as the Assistant Officer in Charge. During his tour with NMCB-5 he deployed to Guam and Afghanistan.

In 2007, Chief Melanson accepted orders to Navy Expeditionary Medical Support Command, Williamsburg, VA. As the Operation Chief where he managed the maintenance, modification and repair of 2,800 pieces of Civil Engineer Support Equipment (CESE) and specialized equipment valued at \$500M. During his tour he directed Maritime Preposition Operations in support of Fleet Hospital contingency operations worldwide.

Chief Melanson was selected for orders to Naval Special Warfare Group TWO (NSWF-2), Logistics Support Unit, Norfolk, VA as the Tactical Ground Mobility Officer. He was responsible for 1000 pieces of automotive and specialized tactical equipment and supervised 72 military and 28 civilian personnel in the execution a \$1.8M budget in support of maintenance, training and travel requirements. During his tour at NSWG-2 he earned his Expeditionary Warfare Specialist Qualification.

Chief Melanson's personal awards include the following: Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal (four awards), Navy Achievement Medal (three awards), Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (five awards), Combat Action Ribbon, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal,

Chief Melanson is married to the former Victoria Lynn Walter; he currently resides with his wife and daughter, Emily Grace Melanson, in Gloucester, VA.