

United States Navy  
Biography

**SENIOR CHIEF AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (FUELS)  
(AVIATION WARFARE/SURFACE WARFARE)  
RICHARD E. PALMER JR.  
UNITED STATES NAVY**

Senior Chief Petty Officer Richard E. Palmer Jr. was born in Indianapolis, Ind. and graduated from Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis in 1995.

He enlisted in the United States Navy on September 21, 1995, and completed basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois and Airman Apprenticeship Training in December 1995.

In January 1996, he reported onboard USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) as an undesignated Airman, ultimately qualifying as Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, as well as promoting to Second Class Petty Officer in 1999.



In September 2000, he attended Basic Instructor School and was assigned to the Seamanship Training Division, where he qualified as Master Training Specialist (MTS). He was promoted to Aviation Boatswain's Mate First Class in June 2002.

In November 2003, he reported onboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68). He served as Flight Deck Petty Officer and V-4 Division LPO. He qualified for Afloat Training Specialist (ATS) and was Senior Sailor of the Year for 2006.

In February 2007 he transferred to Center for Naval Leadership Coronado as a facilitator and was promoted to Chief Petty Officer in September 2007. In September 2008 he served a nine month Individual Augmentee assignment with the Warrior Transition Program, Arifjan, Kuwait as the Senior Enlisted Leader. Upon completion he returned to his parent command, now known as the Center for Personal and Professional Development, Detachment West, San Diego as a facilitator for PREVENT.

In July 2010, he reported to the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) where he served as V-4 Division Flight Deck LCPO and Safety Department LCPO, completing two deployments, a home port change and two years of a Refueling and Complex Overhaul (RCOH), where he was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer.

In July 2014, he attended Navy Drug and Alcohol Counselor School (NDACS) and was assigned to Naval Health Clinic Hawaii as a Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program Counselor. He is currently serving as Senior Enlisted Advisor of Naval Health Clinic Hawaii.

Senior Chief Palmer graduated from Liberty University with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 2012 and a Master of Arts in Human Services with a Military Resiliency Cognate in 2014. His personal decorations include the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), and various unit and campaign awards.