



United States Navy Biography

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Master Chief Paalam, originally from Cagayan de Oro, Philippines migrated to Long Beach, California and enlisted in the United States Navy on 13 July 1997. Following completion of basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL, where he was meritoriously promoted to Seaman Apprentice, he reported to the Hospital Corpsman “A” School in Great Lakes, IL and Field Medical Service School in Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Base at Oceanside, CA.

His first duty assignment was 3D Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan arriving in April 1998. While at this command, he deployed with the Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group 31 (MSSG-31) in support of various MEU operations in the Pacific theater. He was promoted to Petty Officer Third Class and was meritoriously advanced through the Command Advancement Program to Petty Officer Second Class.

He then took orders to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA on May 2002 and deployed in support of the Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) campaigns with 2D Medical Logistics Battalion and 2D Medical Battalion, Bravo Company, respectively. While at this command, he was promoted to Petty Officer First Class.

He then decided to volunteer and attended the Submarine Independent Duty Corpsman “C” School at Groton, CT in July 2005 and graduated in October 2006. While at this command, he was advanced to the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

His first duty assignment as a Submarine IDC was onboard the USS MONTPELIER (SSN-765) homeported in Norfolk, VA and completed two deployments in the Persian Gulf. After three and a half years, he received orders to report to Naval Submarine Support Command, Pearl Harbor, HI on April 2010, as an Immediate Superior in Command, IDC Corpsman, responsible for three submarine squadrons and 21 operational submarine medical departments. At this command, he was advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer. He then took orders to his second IDC assignment onboard USS MICHIGAN (SSGN-727) homeported in Submarine Base Bangor, Silverdale, WA in April 2013. While forward deployed to Guam, he completed two deployments with Special Operation Forces onboard in support of our national security and interests. At this command is where he was advanced to his present rank of Master Chief Petty Officer.

He was then assigned as Bureau of Medicine and Surgery as Independent Duty Corpsman, Lead Program Manager in 2016. At the same command, he was selected as the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Headquarters, Staff Command Master Chief. He has served as the Senior Enlisted Leader of Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Iwakuni, Japan and is currently serving as the Senior Enlisted Leader of Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Florida.

Master Chief Paalam is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 217, Khaki. He holds a master’s degree in health care administration from Trident University International. He is authorized to wear the Enlisted Submarine and Fleet Marine Force Warfare devices. His personal awards are the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5th award) and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4th award).

He is married to the former Jennifer Paras from Los Angeles, CA and has three children named Emmanuel, Faith, and Isaac.