

Chief in the FORAGER spotLight



BUC(SCW) Bill Kettle

Why did you join the Navy?

To serve my country, learn more about construction, get money for college and to see the world and live the adventure!

What are your goals while deployed?

Do good work, help develop fellow Sailors, increase my physical and professional capabilities, and have some fun!

What are your hobbies?

Boating on the Mississippi River with family and friends!

Describe your job?

Review construction requests, tasks and priorities, create FRAGOs, task subordinate units, supervise and assist subordinate with project execution, and track and document the project and process.

What are your words to live by?

Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

To whom do you owe your success and why?

My God, my family, and many of my fellow Sailors, and specifically CECS Robert Landberg, USN (Ret) my mentor and friend. My God because he created me in his image and always knew what I was to be. My family for caring for me and providing me with all that was needed for a solid foundation. And so many of my fellow Sailors from the beginning to the present for supporting me, mentoring me, teaching me and always being there for me.

If you could do anything else what would it be?

Fly F18s or F22s or anything else.

Officer in the FORAGER spotLight

LCDR Carl McGuire

Why did you join the Navy?

I have always wanted to be in the Navy. My father was a Chief Electrician's Mate. My brothers were in the Navy and the Marine Corps. My grandfather and uncles served in both world wars. For me it was a tradition that I wanted to continue.

As an attorney, I wanted to be able to say that I did something with my education that was meaningful and that had a positive impact on those I served. When I was unable to attend the US Naval Academy, the Navy JAG Corps offered me the opportunity to do more for my country and my clients than just deal with the standard issues civilian attorneys address daily, such as, good people arguing over money and behaving poorly.

What are your hobbies?

When I am not working or spending time with my family, on the weekends I like to golf or go to the shooting range for target practice. In the fall, I go to as many college and high school football games as I can. I am also making cedar chests for my three daughters. That project is waiting for me to finish when I return from mobilization.

What are your goals while deployed?

I set two deployment goals before I left homeport. First, I want to make sure that all the Seabees from 30NCR make it home safe. Second, I want to earn the Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist designation. If I do, I will be the first and only Navy JAG to wear a bug on my uniform.

What are your words to live by?

The motto, "loyalty above all else, except honor," has served me well in Life. As an officer, as an attorney, as a husband, and as a father, reminding myself of these simple words makes sure that my moral compass always points to True North. It also ensures that I act as an officer and attorney of integrity and my word is true and can be trusted.

Can you give me a brief description of what you do?



As the Regiment's Staff Judge Advocate, I serve as the command's attorney. A staff judge advocate is responsible for providing full-spectrum legal services, special assistance, and advice to the Commodore, the Regimental staff, and subordinate units in Task Force Forager. During my typical day, I provide advice regarding military law, fiscal law, ethics regulations, and the legalities associated with waging war and protecting our Troops. I also help to ensure fair and just treatment of Task Force Forage Seabees, Soldiers, and Airmen.

To whom do you owe your success and why?

I owe my success to my wife. I am truly a better person every day because of her support and because of her honest, candid advice to me. It was because of her encouragement that I applied for the Navy JAG Corps even though I was unable to attend the Naval Academy. She takes care of so many aspects of our home and my business that I have a hard time distinguishing where I stop and she begins. I would not have been able to mobilize and deploy if I didn't have her taking care of everything at home.

If you could have done anything else, what would it have been?

After I retire from being a judge, I want to be a kindergarten teacher. I love how excited the kids are in the morning when they come to school. When they have a bad day, their problems are big to them but, in most cases, their problems are not tragedies. I can name every teacher I ever had in school, but I can't name every president elected since I've been alive. I want to be able to have a memorable impact in the life of kids and help them get started off right in school.