



Chief Warrant Officer Tommy Ray Locklear

Commissioning Ceremony of Chief Gunner's Mate Tommy Ray Locklear

The Navy Recruiting District, Raleigh, NC presented the Commissioning Ceremony of Chief Gunner's Mate (SW) Tommy Ray Locklear at Lumberton Senior High School in Lumberton, NC on March 1, 2000.

A native of Lumberton, NC, Chief Gunner's Mate (SW) Tommy Ray Locklear graduated from Magnolia High School in 1977. After spending eight years in the civilian sector, Chief Locklear enlisted in the United States Navy on December 9, 1985. On February 4, 1986 he reported to Recruit Training in Great Lakes, IL.

After graduating bootcamp, Chief Locklear reported to Gunner's Mate "A" School in April 1986. While attending Navy Training Center in Great Lakes, he completed Basic Electricity and Electronics School, Gunner's Mate "A" School and MK16 Anti-Submarine Rocket Launching System.

On March 1987, he reported to USS MEYERKORD (FF-1058) as a Gunner's Mate in Weapons Anti-Submarine Division. While serving aboard USS MEYERKORD, he was promoted to Petty Officer Third Class, and a year later, to Petty Officer Second Class.

Between the two promotions, he became Surface Warfare qualified in January of 1989.

After reporting to MK26 Guided Missile Launching System in April 1990, he graduated with honor as a distinguished graduate.

In October 1990, he reported to USS VIRGINIA (CGN 38) out of Norfolk, VA. While onboard, he served in the Combat Missiles Ordnance Division, participating in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Provide Comfort, Operation DRAGON HAM, and Tunisian PASSEX. He was meritoriously promoted to First Class Petty Officer.

Chief Locklear reported to Naval Weapons Station in Yorktown, VA in November 1992 to the Assembly Department.

In July 1993, Chief Locklear reported to Naval Ordnance Center Atlantic Division Commissioning Crew, Yorktown, VA. During this tour, he served as the Ordnance Requisition Manager of all Atlantic Navy and Coast Guard Commands east of the Mississippi River and the Mediterranean Commands. While in Yorktown, he

was named 1995 Atlantic Division Sailor of the Year and a CNO finalist for Shore Sailor of the Year. He was also promoted to Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy on September 15, 1995.

After being welcomed into the brotherhood of the Chiefs' Mess, he reported to USS SCOTT (DDG-995) in October 1995.

After attending Navy Recruiting Orientation Unit in Pensacola, FL in November of 1998, Chief Locklear reported to his first tour of recruiting duty aboard Navy Recruiting District, Raleigh, NC, in February 1999. Chief Locklear learned of his selection in the Chief Warrant Officer community.

After his commission ceremony on March 1, 2000, he will report to Chief Warrant Officer Indoctrination School in Pensacola, FL from March 6 through April 7. Chief Warrant Officer Locklear will then go to Ageis Training Center, Dalgran, VA.

In July 2000, Chief Warrant Officer Locklear will report to the USS BUNKER HILL (CG-52) homported in San

Diego, CA for a three-year tour as the Weapons Systems Test Officer (a Technical Advisor to the Commanding Officer and Combat Systems Officer).

Chief Warrant Officer Locklear's personal awards include the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal (four awards), Joint Meritorious Service Award (three awards), Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards), Navy Battle "E", Good Conduct Medal (three awards), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Sea Service Ribbon (four awards), Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, United Nations Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Navy Rifle Sharp Shooter Ribbon, Navy Pistol Expert Medal.

Chief Warrant Officer Locklear is married to the former Wanda Fay Roberson. They have two daughters La Wanda Jane Locklear Hunter and Sandra Kaye.

In the Armed Forces

Army Staff Sgt. Mary P. Locklear has graduated from the drill sergeant school at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The nine-week course is designed to provide students with the information and training techniques that drill sergeants require to teach initial entry or basic military trainees. The curriculum includes drill and ceremonies, physical fitness, weapons training, and instruction on leadership and counseling applicable to the initial entry trainee environment.

Locklear is the daughter of Eudene Locklear of 3268 Oak Grove Church Road, Lumberton, N.C., and Myrtle C. Harp of 6095 Yadkinville Highway, Pfafftown, N.C.

The staff sergeant is a 1985 graduate of West Robeson High School, Pembroke, N.C.

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