

## **HM1 (FMF/EXW) Dennis Holmes, United States Navy (Retired)**

Born in New London, CT and spent a large of childhood in Groton, CT. Graduated from Woodstock High School in Woodstock, CT with Honors.

Enlisted in the US Navy in the Delayed Entry Program, ultimately attending bootcamp from July to September 2000 at RTC Great Lakes, IL.

Following bootcamp, attended Hospital Corpsman 'A' School in Great Lakes, IL. Graduated from HM 'A' School in January 2001 and proceeded to Camp Pendleton, CA to attend Field Medical Service School.

Upon graduation from FMSS, reported to 1<sup>st</sup> FSSG, 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Battalion. Assigned to Alpha Surgical Company when tasked with orders for the 11<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit. Completed WESTPAC deployment June 2002-December 2002. Remained with 11<sup>th</sup> MEU Support Element until redesignated as CSSB-19 and redeployed to support operations during OIF I.

After a short rotation in theater returned to 1<sup>st</sup> FSSG and then was assigned to the 21 Area BAS on the Camp Del Mar portion of Camp Pendleton. April 2004, took orders to the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton assigned to the pharmacy department as an on-the-job trainee, earning a national certification (CPhT). Was augmented from NH Camp Pendleton and assigned MWSS 371, MCAS Yuma. Supported combat operations from February 2005-August 2005. Serving as lead HM in Camp Korean Village and Al Taqqadam.

In 2007, received orders to commission Riverine Squadron Three at Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, VA. Served as detachment 2 senior HM and as the Maritime Interdiction Team medic. Deployed to Haditha Dam in Iraq from April 2008 to October 2008 conducting riverine patrols of the Euphrates River both north and south of the dam. Conducted many mounted convoy operations. Deployed again with RIVRON 3 in October 2009-May 2010 to Basrah.

August 2011 received orders to Naval Hospital Beaufort, SC. Served as the Leading Petty Officer of the Education and Training Department. Also managed the Resuscitative Medicine programs including BLS, ACLS and PALS. Maintained training records of all personnel at the Naval Hospital and clinics at MCRD Parris Island and MCAS Beaufort.

December 2012, left NH Beaufort and transferred to San Diego, CA to attend Surface Independent Duty Corpsman 'C' School. Training lasted from January 2013 to January 2014, graduating with Honors. Took orders to SEAL Team Four at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, VA from February 2014 to March 2018. Completed two SOUTHCOM deployments, one in Honduras (2015) and the other to Colombia (September 2016-March 2017).

April 2018 reported to Special Operations Tactical Medic school, serving as an IDC and instructor. Teaching SEALs and SWCC to become tactical medics, earning EMT and Paramedic certifications. Ultimately retiring from this unit on May 1, 2022.