

April Diane Harrison

Retired Hospital Corpsman Senior Chief April Harrison is a native of Colquitt, Georgia. She is a Global Speaker and a Veterans Community Ambassador. Upon graduation from Miller County High School, she joined the US Navy, reported to Recruit Training Command in November 1996, and completed Hospital Corpsman “A” School in Great Lakes, Illinois; in May 1997. After completing RTC, she reported to Field Medical Service School (FMSS) at Camp Johnson in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Her shore duty assignments include Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Virginia; Branch Health Clinic Atlanta, Marietta, Georgia; Naval Medical Center Portsmouth 2nd FSSG Detachment, Portsmouth, Virginia as the Department Leading Chief Petty Officer, and appointed as the Deputy Command Master Chief at Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Patuxent River, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Dahlgren, Dahlgren Virginia, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Detachment Indian Head, Indian Head, Maryland, and Navy Detachment Malcolm Grow Medical Clinics and Surgery Center, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, and The Navy Medicine Readiness Command at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Her sea duty assignments include the USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3), HELSEACOMBATRON 28 (HSC-28), 2nd FSSG Detachment, and the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), as the Departmental Leading Chief Petty Officer of the Dental Department.

She has attended Purdue University where she completed her BS in Healthcare Administration and AS in Health Science, and completed the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, CMC 1002: Servant Leadership, and Harvard University Omens, Oracles, and Prophecies course. Senior Chief Harrison earned the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist, and Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare pins. She currently serves as the Post Adjutant of Dorie Miller Post 331, the Interim President of the Orlando Chapter National Association of Black Military Women, a member of the Orlando Cluster, Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority, Incorporated, and she is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Senior Chief Harrison’s Military Awards: Navy and Marine Commendation Medal (3rd), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4th), Navy Battle ‘E’ Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (6th), National Defense Medal (2nd), Navy “E” Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism, Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Sea Service Ribbon (3rd).

April has three children, Victoria, Madyson, and Timothy, and a beautiful granddaughter, Gabrielle. The pillar of her family is her grandmother, Gwendolyn Lane. A dedicated and supportive mother, Vickie Dunnell, and step-father, David Dunnell.