

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 DENNIS DE LEON OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, DAMAGE CONTROL AND FIREFIGHTING SCHOOL, SURFACE WARFARE SCHOOLS COMMAND SAN DIEGO

Chief Warrant Officer De Leon is a native of Manila, Philippines and grew up in Antipolo City. He graduated from Sumulong Memorial High School in March 1993 and then attended college at the Technological University of the Philippines. He and his family entered the United States in September 1996. He enlisted in the Navy on March 31, 1997 and completed Basic Training and Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical) "A" school in Great Lakes, Illinois.

His first tour was onboard USS Kauffman (FFG 59) where he earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) qualification. In 2000, after completion of Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical) "C" school, he reported to USS Rentz (FFG46), earning his first



Engineering Officer of Watch (EOOW) qualification. In 2003, he reported to Southwest Regional Maintenance Center's Gas Turbine Shop as gas turbine repair team leader and earned his Associate's Degree in Applied Marine Engineering. He reported to USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) in 2006 where has was selected to Chief Petty Officer in 2009. In 2010, he was assigned to USS Stockdale (DDG 106) as the Main Propulsion Division Leading Chief Petty Officer. He reported to Assault Craft Unit FIVE as the 3M Coordinator in 2011 and was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer in 2012.

He was commissioned on November 1, 2013. He was assigned to USS Nimitz (CVN 68) in December 2013 as the Ship's Fire Marshal and Assistant Damage Control Assistant (ADCA). He served as the Main Propulsion Assistant (MPA), Ship's Maintenance Management Officer (SMMO), Fuels Officer, and Main Engines Officer aboard USS Makin Island (LHD 8) from 2015 to 2020. He currently serves as the Officer-in-Charge of Surface Warfare Schools Command Damage Control and Firefighting School San Diego.

He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Trident University International. His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various unit and campaign awards.