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CHIEF QUARTERMASTER
(SURFACE WARFARE/INFORMATION WARFARE)
CANDY FLORES
ASSISTANT NAVIGATOR, USS COWPENS (CG 63)

Chief Quartermaster Candy Flores is a native of Anchorage, Alaska. She enlisted in the Navy in July 2002 and attended basic recruit training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon completion of recruit training, she attended Quartermaster “A” School in Great Lakes, Illinois.

In June 2003 she reported to the Pre-Commissioning Unit Momsen (DDG 92). She completed USS Momsen’s Sail around Voyage from Bath, Maine to Everett, Washington. In September 2005, she transferred to USS Benfold (DDG-65). She successfully completed three WESTPAC deployments in support of Global War on Terrorism.



In June 2009, she reported to Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (S.E.R.E) West School, Coronado, California as a Resistance and Field Instructor, earning her Master Training Specialist Certification. After completing her shore duty, she reported to the USS Comstock (LSD 45) in January 2013. She served as Assistant Navigator and as the Navigation Department Leading Petty Officer.

In November 2015, she reported to the Commander Carrier Strike Group Seven and served as the N3 Leading Petty Officer and as Force Navigation Accessor. In July 2017, she transferred to U.S. Sixth Fleet, Naples, Italy and served as N35 Future Operations Leading Chief Petty Officer, embarking aboard the flag ship USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20).

In August 2019, she transferred back to the continental U.S. and completed the Surface Navigator Course, earning her W12A NEC at Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, Rhode Island, prior to reporting to USS Cowpens (CG-63) where she currently serves as the Assistant Navigator/NN LCPO and Command DAPA.

Chief Flores’ decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 gold stars), Good Conduct Medal (5 bronze stars), National Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (1 bronze star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Overseas Service Commemorative Medal (1 bronze star) and other service and personal awards.

She received her Associate’s Degree in Science in 2016 and is pursuing her Bachelor’s Degree in Organized Leadership Military Studies through Excelsior College.