



**USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG-1001)**  
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We look forward to meeting you, getting to know you, and working with you to bring this great ship to life! If you have not been assigned a sponsor, email [sponsor@ddg1001.navy.mil](mailto:sponsor@ddg1001.navy.mil) to request. If you have any questions as you prepare to execute you orders and while you are enroute to the ship, feel free to contact your sponsor and/or the COC. We are here to help and want to enable a smooth transfer process. Please contact us immediately if you have questions or special needs. Welcome aboard Shipmate!

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## **Orders and Entitlements**

Reference: MILPERSMAN 1306-802

For further details, do not hesitate to contact the Ship's Secretary, YN1(AW) Kelly at [samantha.kelly@ddg1001.navy.mil](mailto:samantha.kelly@ddg1001.navy.mil) to have them answered. We are here to assist you in any way we can.

A word about your original orders – PROTECT THEM! They are the only readily available records of endorsements and advances made to you. If they are lost, all the disbursing offices and commands you may have utilized enroute will have to be contacted in order to verify endorsements and advances in order to settle your claim. This is a time-consuming task and will cause major delays in processing and paying your claim, so keep your orders safe and secure.

## **Reporting to San Diego**

*Welcome to Naval Base San Diego*

Our Mission is to deliver the highest standard of support and quality of life services to the Fleet, Fighter and Family. You can browse through the links below to learn more about your new duty station.

[http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrsw/installations/navbase\\_san\\_diego.html](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrsw/installations/navbase_san_diego.html)

<http://navylifesw.com/sandiego/>

### *Installation Information*

Naval Base San Diego is the principal homeport of the Pacific Fleet, consisting of 46 Navy ships, one Coast Guard cutter, seven Military Sealift Command logistical support platforms, several research and auxiliary vessels. Naval Base San Diego is home to 213 individual commands, each having specific and specialized fleet support purposes. Naval Base San Diego proper is comprised of over 1,600 land acres and 326 acres of water. The base is also responsible for Commander, Navy Region Southwest and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest headquarters located downtown San Diego, Naval Medical Center in Balboa Park and Admiral Baker recreation and golf course located in Mission Valley.

If you arrive in the area while the ship is not in port, report to Transient Personnel Unit (TPU) located at Brunton Hall on the "Dry Side" of Naval Base San Diego (32nd St Station) in your Service Dress Uniform. TPU contact information is (619) 556-2024 or (619) 556-3182.

If you require travel assistance, please contact your sponsor for assistance. If you are unable to reach your sponsor, you are more than welcome to contact one of the sponsor coordinators.

### *Housing Service Center Information*

San Diego's Housing Service Center offers personalized housing services specializing in finding both temporary and long term, apartment, condo, and home rentals. Other services include local area orientation and home buying counseling. All military personnel, unaccompanied and accompanied, their families, as well as DoD employees are eligible for these services. Additional

information can be found by calling (619) 556-8443. The Housing Service Center is located on board Naval Base San Diego.

Our mission is to provide housing support for all families and unaccompanied personnel moving to or departing from the San Diego Region. In addition to navy personnel, we also provide housing assistance to service members assigned to MCAS Miramar, MCRD and USCG Sector San Diego. Our goal is to help service members, both unaccompanied or those with families, locate suitable, affordable and safe housing.

Naval Base San Diego	Phone: (619) 556-8443
2625 LeHardy Street	DSN: 526-8443
Bldg. 3544, 1st Floor	Fax: (619) 556-8012
San Diego, CA 92136	

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Unaccompanied personnel reporting to San Diego Metro Navy installations have a number of excellent Housing choices. Unaccompanied Housing (UH - formerly Bachelor Housing) is conveniently located on each base, housing a total of approximately 8,000 service members in 37 buildings.

Most personnel, E1-E3 and E4 < 4, are required to live in UH; E4>4 may be required to live on base, space permitting. More senior personnel may, under certain circumstances, be eligible to live in UH or in our UH PPV facilities at Pacific Beacon:

Management and Leasing Office

#### **Pacific Beacon**

**The leasing office is in the Retzer Building.**

Naval Base San Diego	Phone: 888-437-1485
3705 Norman Scott Road	Fax: 619-231-3492
San Diego, CA 92136	

#### Business Hours

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Email: [pbinfo@pacificbeacon.com](mailto:pbinfo@pacificbeacon.com)

All of Pacific Beacon's San Diego installation has a full complement of recreational, fitness, dining, religious, educational and other amenities. Most are located within walking distance of UH.

Resident Advisors (RA) are senior personnel who provide an after-hours leadership presence in UH residents. RAs sign a memorandum of understanding, agreeing to certain duties and responsibilities in exchange for a room in UH. The program is strictly voluntary and open to personnel in pay grades E5 to E9 (E4 with their Commanding Officer's recommendation)

including Geographic Bachelors. For more information about the RA program and to obtain an application, please contact the UH Administrative Office.

*Temporary Lodging*

Temporary Lodging is available at NAVY Lodge and Navy Gateway Inns and Suite. To make advance reservations you can visit the website via [www.dodlodging.net](http://www.dodlodging.net).

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Shipmate,

Welcome aboard and congratulations on your assignment to **USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG-1001)**. You are joining an elite group as only the very best Sailors are accepted for assignment to new construction duty!

You will play a key role in defining the reputation and character of this ship and in perpetuating the legacy of MA2 (SEAL) Michael Monsoor. Our job is to meld the steel and technology our country has provided to us, and turn her into a formidable warship with a battle-ready crew who are committed to our Profession of Arms. Make no mistake, this ship was built from the keel up for offense, and we who make up her crew will be instruments of U.S. national policy. Readyng this ship to accomplish that tasking is an awesome responsibility.

Much will be asked of you in this assignment, but above all I will ask one thing – that you strive everyday, in everything you do, to remain true to the characteristics of our namesake: loyalty, devotion, selflessness. As you learn his story, you will find this becomes a calling.

You will soon be contacted by your assigned sponsor who will assist you in planning for your arrival and answer any questions you may have about this assignment. Please do not hesitate to contact our Command Master Chief, CMDCM (SW/AW/IW) Kristopher Freyberg at [CMC@ddg1001.navy.mil](mailto:CMC@ddg1001.navy.mil) or (619)-556-4308 if you have questions that your sponsor is not able to answer.

I look forward to meeting you, getting to know you, and working alongside you to bring this great ship to life! Welcome aboard Shipmate!

Vincent A. Fortson  
CAPT, USN

## USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001) Command Intent

### *Vision: We Lead Change*

Our vision statement is the “why” we volunteered for this expedition into the future.

**MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001)** represents the opportunity to transform the surface Navy today and for decades to come. There is risk. To realize these opportunities requires prudent boldness and a sense of innovation and adventure, not unlike those that have embarked on expeditions before us. And while that tradition provides context, it must not become a barrier to progress. Our ship is unlike anything that any of us have seen before and will require us to serve one another unlike any other ship in the Navy. For our Naval Profession of Arms to progress - to be better tomorrow than we are today - every one of us must lead change.

### **Philosophy: “You Never Quit”**

Our philosophy describes *how* we meet our vision and is summed up in these three words that Michael Monsoor wrote inside his cover.

*“You Never Quit”* conveys the confidence in the readiness of our ship, our shipmates, and ourselves to lead change. Such confidence is born of our shared purpose, our vision of the future, and the free flow of communication and continuous development. *“You Never Quit”* guided Michael each day: it is our rallying call to persevere and our guide in uncertain times.

*Trust.* *Trust* is the explicit operating environment in **MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001)**: every word and action is our commitment to each other and to the citizens whom we serve. *Trust* allows us to move forward in ambiguous and uncertain times, confident in the purity of our intentions, our individual and collective abilities, and the knowledge that we will never quit each other.

*Engagement.* Our *trust* in one another means that we seek opportunities to improve ourselves, our team, and our ship. Through transparency of actions and the free flow of communication, we will create a feedback system that highlights each Sailor’s strengths and our collective limitations. By emphasizing personal and professional development in **MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001)** where leaders engage leaders on a daily basis, every Sailor, team, and ultimately, our Navy and Nation will benefit.

*Attitude.* Michael’s words demonstrate the positive effect of *attitude* in overcoming obstacles. The opportunity to lead change requires optimism and a sense of a better future – for our families, our Navy, and our Nation. It also requires fierce determination to bring all of our physical and mental energies and focus to bear. With such an *attitude*, we demonstrate 1) the willingness to undertake this new opportunity and, 2) the perseverance to complete it.

*Mastery.* Michael’s example of *mastery* provides a benchmark for us as members of the Profession of Arms: his selflessness and humility amplified his warfare skills and demonstrated his abilities as a leader in the most complex situations.

To lead change, we will *master* our ship and all of the capabilities she brings to bear. More than technology though, we must know ourselves and each other to understand our leadership abilities in context. *Mastery* offers us the opportunity to innovate in leadership and professional development as well as tactics, techniques, and procedures. We do not seek the safety of a “zero-defect” command; by exercising prudent boldness, we will continuously improve, and by unleashing our innate desire to learn and lead, we make ourselves, our ship, and our Navy better every day.

**Motto: *I Will Defend***

Our ship’s motto is the decisive expression of Michael’s actions throughout his life and a reminder of the oath that every one of us took. This oath requires individual *readiness* and *willingness* to lead, the humility to follow, and to never quit; in short, to do everything we can to make **MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001)** more ready every day.

***Our Crest***

Our crest is the visual representation of the professionals in **MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001)**. The inverted star is the central tenet because it represents the *trust* and commitment that we share with one another; surrounding the star are elements that represent the ship’s new technologies - technologies that we must *master*; and the shield represents our mission and is a reminder of the oath that every one of us from Seaman to Captain takes: to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.



**SEAL DESIGN**  
**USS MICHAEL MONSOOR**  
**(DDG 1001)**



**BLAZON**

**SHIELD:** Azure, a sinister arm in armour couped embowed resting on the elbow Proper, winged Argent, and in the hand a sword also Proper, all within a bordure Grebe charged with three mullets of the last.

**CREST:** Issuant from a wreath of the colors Argent and Azure, an inverted mullet in the shape of the Navy Medal of Honor Purpure, surmounted thereon two lightning flashes in chevron above the Roman numeral three, and in base a flintlock pistol from the Naval Special Warfare Insignia fesswise, all Or.

**SUPPORTERS:** On the dexter side, a cluster of laurel leaves and on the sinister side, a cluster of oak leaves all Proper.

**MOTTO:** On a tripartite scroll Azure, doubled Purpure, the inscription: “**I WILL DEFEND**” in Gold letters.

**SYMBOLISM**

**SHIELD:** The colors dark blue and white are associated with the United States Navy. The prominently reinforced shield is symbolic of the multiple valorous acts Petty Officer Michael Monsoor performed to defend his teammates while deployed to Iraq; the three mullets (stars) represent the Navy SEALs saved by his actions on 29 September 2006. The winged arm is a heraldic representation of St. Michael, the Archangel, who is often depicted with a sword and a shield and after whom Michael Monsoor was named.

**CREST:** The lightning flashes represent the ship’s unique propulsion. These flashes form a chevron resembling the wave piercing bow, which is another unique feature of the *ZUMWALT* class and also represents boldness in leadership. The large, inverted star is in the shape of the Navy Medal of Honor, and the purple coloring--the traditional color of valor and sacrifice--is inspired by the Purple Heart. The flintlock pistol from the Naval Special Warfare Insignia represents the ship’s Advanced Gun System, while the Roman numeral “III” alludes to Petty Officer Monsoor’s assignment to SEAL Team Three.

**SUPPORTERS:** The laurel and oak leaves are from the Navy Medal of Honor. The laurel leaves represent victory, and the cluster of oak leaves symbolize strength.

**SEAL:** The coat of arms as blazoned in full color on a white oblong disc within a dark blue designation band, edged with a gold roped border and bearing the name “**USS MICHAEL MONSOOR**” at the top and “**DDG 1001**” at the base.





**Petty Officer Second Class (SEAL)  
Michael Anthony Monsoor  
April 5, 1981 – Sept. 29, 2006  
USS MICHAEL MONSOOR  
(DDG-1001)**



Petty Officer Second Class Michael Anthony Monsoor was born April 5, 1981 in Long Beach, CA. Michael grew up in Garden Grove, CA, as the third of four children of George and Sally Monsoor. He has an older brother James and older sister Sara, and a younger brother Joseph.

Michael attended Dr. Walter C. Ralston Intermediate School and Garden Grove High School where he played tight end on the Argonaut football team and graduated in 1999. An incredible athlete, Mike enjoyed snowboarding, body boarding, spear fishing, motorcycle riding, and driving his Corvette. His quiet demeanor and dedication to his friends matched the “Silent Warrior” SEAL mentality that was to become his calling in life.

Michael enlisted in the U.S. Navy March 21, 2001, and attended Basic Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. Upon graduation from basic training, he attended Quartermaster “A” School, and then transferred to Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Italy for a short period of time.

Petty Officer Monsoor entered Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training in Coronado, CA, and subsequently graduated with Class 250 on Sept. 2, 2004 as one of the top performers in his class. After BUD/S, he completed advanced SEAL training courses including parachute training at Basic Airborne School, Fort Benning, GA, cold weather combat training in Kodiak, AK, and six months of SEAL Qualification Training in Coronado, graduating in March 2005. The following month, his rating changed from Quartermaster to Master-at-Arms, and he was assigned to SEAL Team 3, Delta Platoon. He deployed with his platoon to Iraq in April 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and was assigned to Task Unit Bruiser in Ar Ramadi.

From April to Sept. 29, 2006, Mike served as a heavy weapons machine gunner. During combat patrols he walked behind the platoon point man with his Mk 48 machinegun so that he could protect his platoon from a frontal enemy attack. Mike was also a SEAL communicator. On 15 operations, he carried a rucksack full of communications equipment in addition to his machinegun and full ammunition load-out. Collectively it weighed more than 100 pounds. He bore the weight without a single complaint, even in the midst of the 130 degree Western Iraqi summer.

Mike and his platoon operated in a highly contested part of Ramadi city called the Ma’laab district. During their deployment, Mike and his fellow SEALs came under enemy attack on 75 percent of their missions. On May 9, 2006 Mike rescued a SEAL who was shot in the leg. He ran out into the street with another SEAL, shot cover fire and dragged his comrade to safety

while enemy bullets kicked up the concrete at their feet. For this brave action, he and his fellow SEAL earned the Silver Star. The enemy could not deter Michael and his SEAL platoon. They fought in 35 heated firefights. In the Ma'laab district, Michael perfected his skills as an urban machine gunner. Once he and his men established a sniper over watch position, he deftly transitioned to his role as a SEAL communicator calling in tank support and transmitting enemy situation reports to the 1-506 PIR Commander. Delta Platoon executed a broad spectrum of combat operations in and around Ramadi. They patrolled bravely through the city streets engaging in firefights while on other occasions, they ambushed insurgent mortar teams near the banks of the Euphrates River. Mike and his fellow SEALs accounted for 84 enemy fighters killed in action and the detainment of numerous insurgents. Most notably, the Army Infantry, Navy SEAL and Iraqi Army combined force helped to pacify the most violent city in Al Anbar province setting conditions for the Sunni Awakening.

Petty Officer Monsoor was subsequently awarded the Bronze Star as the Task Unit Ramadi, Iraq Combat Advisor from April to September 2006. His leadership, guidance and decisive actions during 11 different combat operations saved the lives of his teammates, other Coalition Forces and Iraqi Army soldiers.

Though he carried himself in a calm and composed fashion, he constantly led the charge to bring the fight to the enemy. His teammates recall his sense of loyalty to God, family, and his team. He attended Catholic Mass devotionally before operations, and often spoke lovingly of his family - his older brother, a police officer and former Marine for whom he held great respect; his sister, a nurse; and his younger brother, a college football player.

Mike was one of the bravest men on the battlefield, never allowing the enemy to discourage him. He remained fearless while facing constant danger, and through his selfless nature and aggressive actions, saved the lives of coalition soldiers and his fellow SEALs. He was a loyal friend and exceptional SEAL, and he is sorely missed by his brothers in Task Unit Bruiser.

Petty Officer Second Class (SEAL) Michael A. Monsoor posthumously received the Medal of Honor in a ceremony at the White House April 8, 2008 for his actions in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Sept. 29, 2006. On that day, Petty Officer Monsoor was part of a sniper over watch security position with three other SEALs and eight Iraqi Army (IA) soldiers. An insurgent closed in and threw a fragmentation grenade into the over watch position. The grenade hit Monsoor in the chest before falling to the ground. Positioned next to the single exit, Monsoor was the only one who could have escaped harm. Instead, he dropped onto the grenade to shield the others from the blast. Monsoor died approximately 30 minutes later from wounds sustained from the blast. Petty Officer Monsoor's actions saved the lives of his 3 teammates and the IA soldiers.

Michael Monsoor is survived by his mother Sally, his father George, his sister Sara, and his two brothers James and Joseph. His gravesite is located at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, CA.



### **Medal of Honor Action**

On Sept. 29, 2006, Monsoor's platoon was taking part in Operation Kentucky Jumper, a combined Coalition battalion clearance and isolation operation in southern Ar Ramadi. He served as automatic weapons gunner in a combined SEAL and Iraqi Army sniper over watch element positioned on a residential rooftop in a violent sector and historical stronghold for insurgents. His job was to protect the snipers. That morning, the team observed four insurgents prepare for follow-on attacks. His team engaged them, wounding one and killing another. After the engagement, the local residents blocked off the area with rocks to keep civilians away and to warn the insurgents about the coalition presence. A nearby mosque also called for insurgents to the area to fight the Coalition Forces.

In the afternoon, insurgents attacked his team's position from a moving vehicle. The SEALs remained and shot back. Shortly thereafter, an enemy fighter shot a rocket-propelled grenade at his building. Aware that the enemy would continue their attack, the SEALs remained on the rooftop to continue their mission of guarding the west flank of the Coalition's main effort. The officer in charge repositioned Monsoor with his automatic heavy machine gun in the direction the enemy was most likely to approach from. He was located closest to the exit out of the sniper's nest. While surveying through a tactical periscope for enemy activity, an enemy fighter threw a grenade onto the roof. The grenade hit him in the chest and bounced onto the floor. He immediately jumped to his feet and yelled "grenade" to warn his fellow SEALs of imminent danger. They did not have time, however, to evacuate the sniper nest and escape harm. Without any hesitation and sacrificing his own life, Monsoor threw himself onto the grenade, smothering it to protect his teammates who were lying nearby. The grenade exploded as he came down on top of it, mortally wounding him. His comrades were also wounded by the blast, but his heroic action saved their lives.

Monsoor's actions demonstrated his selfless intentions. He had the only clear escape from the blast. Monsoor could have easily escaped and remained unharmed, but instead he chose to save his fellow SEALs.

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Name: _____		
Rank/Rate: _____		
Birthplace: _____		
College: _____		
Degree: _____		
Years of Service: _____		
Brief History of Deployment Experience: _____ _____ _____ _____		
Warfare and Watch Station Qualifications: _____ _____ _____ _____		
Spouse: _____		Date Married: _____
Dependents: _____		Crewmember Date of Birth: _____
Previous Duty Assignments: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Jobs: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Dates: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Desires/ Career Goals: _____ _____ _____		
Interests: _____ _____ _____		

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