



# United States Navy Biography

## **EM1(SW/AW) SOLOMON J. GOODWIN, USN SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR, USS SOMERSET (LPD 25)**

Petty Officer Goodwin was born in Buffalo, New York and raised in Columbia, South Carolina. He enlisted into the Navy in September of 2014 as an undesignated Fireman, and completed Basic Engineering Common Core 'A' School in Great Lakes, IL. Upon completion of 'A' school, he was assigned his first tour onboard USS New Orleans (LPD 18) from ranks E1 to Petty Officer Third Class; where he struck the rate of Electrician's Mate and was later redistributed for his next sea tour onboard to USS Essex (LHD 2). Finding his way as an Electrician's Mate, he earned the rank of Petty Officer Second Class only after being rated for a short period. With his newfound rank, he found himself in many leadership positions including ALPO, DCTT-Electrician, and ETT-Electrician.

Continuing upon his Navy career after completing his tour onboard USS Essex (LHD 2) he later transferred to Southwest Regional Maintenance Facility where he served as LPO for code 958A , ELMAT Team Lead and coordinator for Outside/ Inside Electrical NAMTS all as Petty Officer Second Class. Always answering the call for higher demand, he picked up the rank of Petty Officer First Class shortly prior to transferring to his third sea duty command, USS Somerset (LPD 25) where he currently serves as LPO for the Electrical Division. As a true deck-plate leader onboard USS Somerset he assumed many roles as the Command ESWS Coordinator, Command Sponsorship Coordinator, ACFL, ETT and DCTT member. Striving for greatness, he earned his qualifications of EOOW, EDO, Electrical Safety Officer and Oil King.

Petty Officer Goodwin has aspirations of not only having the honor to one day earn the title of Chief Petty Officer, but also a Limited Duty Officer where he will continue to focus on training the next generation of well-equipped Sailors our Nation needs to defend freedom and democracy around the world.

Petty Officer Goodwin's personal awards include five Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Volunteer Service Medal, various unit awards, service ribbons and is a proud Golden and Trusted Shell Back.