

Master Chief Religious Program Specialist, RPCM(SW/FMF) Harold A. Terry, Jr., is a native of Fremont, California, and graduated from Miranda High School in Northern California with honors where he was voted "Most Inspirational" Class of 1981. Prior to beginning his military career in the U.S. Navy, he worked for the Forestry Department in Humboldt County as a seasonal firefighter.

He entered the Navy on June of 1982 on the delayed entry program, as an undesignated Seaman. He entered Recruit Training at San Diego on August 82 and then completed Apprenticeship Training at San Diego, second in his class. His first assignment was to the USS HORNE (CG-30) (82-85) where he proudly served Deck Department maintaining the ship's structure, lifelines and learning seamanship where he qualified in all deck watches. In August of 1983 while deployed on WESTPAC he applied for the RP rating after meeting all qualifications of the professional development board, the Navy Chief of Chaplains sent a Letter of Designating him as a Religious Program Specialist allowing him to take the Petty Officer 3rd Class exam. He left USS HORNE in 1985 as a Second Class Petty Officer heading for his first tour with the U.S. Marines.

Subsequent assignments include: 1985-88 - Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; Class leader RP "C" School in Meridian 1985; Marine Corps School of Infantry in Camp Pendleton, CA 1988 (receiving the combat N.E.C. of 2401); 1988-91 - 1st Marines Expeditionary Brigade, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, there he served as the "Regimental RP" and in Deserts Shield and Storm with 1st Marine Division, where he was Meritoriously promoted during combat, on 25 December 1990, to 1st Class Petty Officer by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Al Gray; his next tour 1991-95; was by selection to serve with The Chaplain, U.S. Marine Corps as Manpower Specialist during the "Right Sizing" era where he provided input for growing RP and Chaplain Billets to include E9's at the MEFs; he was promoted to the title of "The Chief" in 1994; 1995-98 - USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71), as the Departmental Leading Chief Petty Officer for religious ministries and member of the Damage Control Team, 1997 selected to Senior Chief; 1998-02 - Navy Region Mid-Atlantic as the "Regional RP" to the Regional Commander, for RP matters and professional training of chaplains/RPs and preliminary development of the Navy's Chaplain/RP Shore Staffing Requirements. 2002-03 he was flag selected for appointment as the 2nd Officially titled "RP of the Marine Corps", as the Senior Enlisted Leader/Advisor to the "Chaplain of the Marine Corps", in all matters relating to the Religious Ministry Teams serving with the U. S. Marine Corps, 2003 Selected to Master Chief. 2004 - Present Flag selected to Senior Enlisted Leader/Advisor to the Chief of Navy Chaplains for Navy - Marine Corps Religious Ministry Teams in support of Sea Service personnel and families.

RPCM(SW/FMF) Terry's awards & Qualifications include: Surface Warfare Pin and Fleet Marine Force Ribbon, Naval Education Code 2401 for Marine combat, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), Navy Achievement Medal (2), Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medals (7), National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Eagle Globe & Anchor-two bronze stars, Armed Forces Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbons (3), Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait, Rifle Expert Medal, and Pistol Sharpshooter Ribbon.

Master Chief Terry and his wife have two children.