

TROOPER CHARLES A. DUDLEY

Trooper Charles A. Dudley is a retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy. He spent 30 years serving his country. During his tenure in the military, he did two tours in Viet Nam. While in the Navy, he served aboard the following ships- USS Enterprise the Navy's first Nuclear Powered Aircraft Carrier, the USS Chicago, USS Thomas C. Hart, USS Prairie, and the USS Yosemite. He circumnavigated all of South America in 48 days finishing by sailing through the Panama Canal. He also performed duties as a Recruiter in Miami, Florida and a Company Commander at the Recruit Training Command, San Diego, California. In this capacity, he trained recruits to become Sailors.



He was a Liaison Officer at the United States Embassy, Cairo Egypt, and had the opportunity to meet the President of Egypt, Anwar Sadat. Charles' military career has taken him to China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, France, Spain, England, the Philippines, Italy, Venice Italy, Israel, Tunisia, Mombasa Kenya, Alexandria Egypt, Athens Greece, Diego Garcia, Australia, South Africa and Turkey.

He received numerous accolades and recognition for his service to his country. This recognition includes the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

After retiring from the Navy in 1995, he was hired by the Navy as a Housing Management Specialist and Home Buying Counselor for active-duty personnel and their families. He has received awards for his exceptional service, professionalism, and dedication. One such award was the Special Act Award, for his outstanding support of all Military family housing programs.

In his position as a Housing Management Specialist and Home Buying Counselor, he shared his knowledge and experience by conducting home buying seminars for military personnel at Naval and Marine Corps bases throughout San Diego. His understanding of the needs of military personnel has generated requests from military commands for his help in counseling their service members in the VA home buying process. He maintains his career-related education to stay on the cutting edge of the real estate industry. He has attended Cuyamaca College as well as Southwestern College, where he majored in Real Estate.

He has maintained membership with the Fleet Reserve Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and the National Rifle Association. He has volunteered at the USO, assisting active-duty military personnel. He enjoys reading and researching African American Military History and speaking to youth groups about his experience as an African American in the military and the challenges he faced achieving the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer.