



United States Navy Biography

**Lieutenant Commander / Warrant Officer
Commanding Officer
Navy Unit Norfolk, VA**

LCDR Steele is a native of Scranton, PA and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1988. Upon graduation from Freedom High School in Scranton, VA, he reported for Recruit Training at RTC, Great Lakes, IL. He then attended Ordnance "A" School in Millington, TN. AO3 Steele graduated from AO "A" and reported to the USS America CV-66. In 1991, he transferred to his next unit. His next assignment was to Expeditionary Support Group and preparation for OPERATION DESERT STORM. Deployed to Kuwait to conduct Ordnance Resupply operations. In August 1991, he returned from Kuwait and was discharged from Active Duty. In 1992, he enlisted in the Navy. His first assignment was with SEAL Team 1, 3, 5 at NAB Coronado, CA. In 1995, LCDR Steele transferred to NOSC Selfridge, MI. He was assigned to the Security Training Department as a Defensive Tactics and Small Arms Instructor. In 1997, he was converted to Master-at-Arms Second Class. In 1998, he was advanced to Master-at-Arms First Class.



In 1999, MA1 Steele applied for the Limited Duty Officer Program. In May 2000, he was commissioned as a Security Limited Duty Officer. His first assignment after commissioning was OIC, Naval Coastal Warfare Group ONE, DET D at NOLF Imperial Beach, CA. During his tour he qualified as Force Security Watch Officer, ATO, Department Head for Weapons, CESE, and 1st LT. In 2001, he was deployed with Naval Coastal Warfare Group ONE to Thailand. In 2002, he transferred to Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit ONE ONE FOUR. He then mobilized and deployed to Kuwait Naval Base in preparation for OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. When the war began, he was deployed forward to Umm Qasr, Iraq. His unit was tasked with securing the port at Umm Qasr.

Upon demobilization, he transferred to Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron (NCWRON) THIRTY FOUR as OIC of DET A at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, CA. In 2006, he deployed with NCWRON THIRTY FOUR to Kuwait as Squadron Force Security Watch Officer. In 2007, he transferred to NSA Bahrain, DET G as the interim Commanding Officer. In December 2009, he accepted ADSW orders to NSA Bahrain, Kingdom of Bahrain. As a plank owner and one of three action officers, he stood-up the NAVCENT/C5F Commander Task Force Shore Battle Space/Joint Security Coordination Center. Serving as Operations Officer, he conducted and coordinated overall arching force protection for all DOD assets in Bahrain. In addition, he provided force protection for all NAVCENT/C5F naval interests; both shore based and littoral areas of responsibilities. He demobilized in March 2010 and was promoted to LCDR that same year. On the FY-11 APPLY Board, he was selected as Commanding Officer of NR Navy Security Force (NSF), Madrid, Spain. In 2012, he was hand selected for assignment to US Delta Detail as Lead Commander. Duties included planning and executing the Landward Security Mission for CONUS ISP port visits in 11 U.S. cities. On the FY-13 APPLY Board he was selected as Combatant Commander CENTCOM he took command on 1 December 2014. In addition, LCDR Steele was assigned as the Joint Region US, CONUS Regional Reserve Security Coordinator.

LCDR Steele's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards – one with combat "V" device),

In his civilian career, he lives a secret identity lifestyle as Capt America and works with the Avengers thwarting whatever comes to harm his beloved country and world.

LCDR Steele is married and resides in NY, NY with his wife Michelle and their three children.