



Mr. Thomas Yavorski
Executive Director, 21st Century Sailor Office
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Thomas Yavorski was born and grew up in Whippany, New Jersey. He attended the United States Naval Academy where he graduated in 1981 with distinction with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and was commissioned as a naval officer.

Following Surface Warfare Officers' School, Tom reported to the USS Whipple (FF-1062) in Pearl Harbor where he served as Electrical Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant, and First Lieutenant. His next assignment was an Instructor of Naval

Science at the United States Naval Academy.

He was selected for the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program and completed training at Orlando, Florida and Saratoga Springs, New York. His next assignment was as Reactor Mechanical Assistant on USS Enterprise (CVN-65) where he completed his nuclear engineer qualification.

Tom then attended Surface Warfare Officer Department Head School, where he was the top graduate and was selected for the Arleigh Burke Leadership award. Tom's next assignment was as Operations Officer and Navigator onboard USS Jarrett (FFG-33). Tom then reported as Executive Officer of the Nuclear Power Training Unit, Idaho Falls where he supervised the training of 1200 Sailors and officers.

He reported next to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, where he was Deputy Director of the Resource Management Office for the Navy's Quality of Life Programs (Pers-6C). Tom was medically retired in 1996 from the Navy after being selected for Commander.

Tom then joined the Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Washington Liaison Office where he worked Navy policy issues in the areas of MWR and child care, which later became part of the Pers-6 Washington Liaison Office.

In 1999, Tom was detailed to the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs and was selected for a legislative fellowship with the Brookings Institute. During his fellowship, he was assigned as the military legislative assistant for Congressman Steven Kuykendall (CA-36), a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

He was then selected as the N15 Washington Office deputy director and lead program analyst on personal and family readiness issues. In 2007, Tom was promoted to Director of the N135 Personal Readiness and Community Support Washington Office. In 2013, he assumed duties as Executive Director of the 21st Century Sailor Office. Key issues that Tom has been involved with include 9/11 Joint Pentagon Family Assistance Center; establishment of Navy Wounded Warrior SAFE HARBOR program; Navy Suicide Prevention and Sexual Assault Prevention cross functional teams; Navy support of Census 2010; Family Readiness; Chairman Joints Chiefs of Staff Spouse Employment Integrated Process Team, and the Interagency Task Force on Veteran Employment Assistance.

Tom also received a Masters Degree in Management Information Systems from the George Washington University School of Business and Management in 1999.