



An Interview With Master-at-Arms First Class Petty Officer Jason Taylor

Please describe your experience with the Navy: What motivated you to enlist?

I was motivated to enlist because I wanted to serve my country. What inspired me most was when I was 14 years old. My mother took me to see all the military members who returned home from the Persian Gulf War in the New York City Parade.

How long have you served? What is your current rank? Where are you stationed?

I've been in the U.S. Navy for 14 years; I'm a Master-at-Arms First Class Petty (E6) currently stationed at NAS Pensacola Security Department.

What are your responsibilities?

I'm the departmental leading Petty Officer, in charge of 90 naval security force members in all facets of law enforcement and force protection/anti-terrorism operations.

Please describe your experience with the Certified in Homeland Security Program: How did you first hear about CHS? What motivated you to join?

I first heard about the CHS program from the NAVY COOL Program seminar held at the Pensacola Security Department. What intrigued me was the level of knowledge you can obtain from completing this certification and how

much more valuable you can be to a security organization.

What effect has CHS had on your professional development?

The certification has helped me to enhance my Naval career by increasing my professional growth and making me a more well-rounded security professional. The Navy can look at my accomplishments and see how much more valuable I am to the organization. Also, it adds a lift to my resume, which helps me market myself better in the civilian sector.

What was the certification class like? Feel free to comment on the instruction, the content of the class, or any other aspect of the course.

The certification classes were up-to-date and very informative. I was taught subject matter that comprised of the past, present, and future state of Homeland Security. This gave me a more comprehensive knowledge of the whole dynamic of Homeland Security. The classes gave a real sense of the importance of Homeland Security, from the top echelon managers to each individual role.

What feedback did you receive from the others in the class?

Other colleagues in the class were interested in the material and seemed to be excited about the opportunities available from having the certification.

How do you anticipate the certification will contribute to the Navy? How will the information presented benefit the sailors? How will the credential affect their careers?

I believe the Navy will benefit from members having the certification because now they have more members with a security mindset. The responsibility is now in everyone's hands and not exclusive for security personnel. Sailors will benefit from this certification because it will develop professional growth, and it can be documented positively on their evaluations, which affects advancement opportunities.