



# United States Navy Biography

## COMMANDER JOSEPH F. RHEKER III COMMANDING OFFICER, EXPEDITIONARY COMBAT READINESS CENTER, DETACHMENT BRAVO



Commander Joseph F. Rheker III, a native of Warren, Michigan enlisted in the Navy in June of 1991 and completed Recruit Training and Airman Apprenticeship Training at Recruit Training Command Orlando, Florida in September 1991. He earned his commission through the NROTC College Program in 1998 and redesignated to Human Resources Officer in 2003.

Commander Rheker's active duty tours include assignments at Naval Air Station Adak, Alaska as Crew Chief Crash and Structural Fire Division, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) as Assistant Flight Deck Division Officer, Fuels Division Officer and Night Aircraft Handling Officer, Cruise Missile Support

Activity Norfolk as Tomahawk Mission Planner and Information Assurance Officer, Navy Recruiting District Michigan as Medical Officer Recruiter and Enlisted Programs Department Head and lastly recalled to active duty in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM at US Forces Afghanistan as J1 Strength Management Officer and J1 Plans/Ops Action Officer. His reserve duty tours include assignments with NR Naval Air Station Sigonella in AIMD and Physical Security Division, NR CNE-CAN-C6F MPP Det 413 as Deputy N1 and Assistant Country Officer, NMCB- 26 as S1 Department Head, NR USFF Personnel Management as N1Z Action Officer, NOSC Detroit OSU 1301 as OIC, US Forces Japan Det 105 as J8 Resources Department Head and Executive Officer. Commander Rheker assumed command of Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center Detachment Bravo in December 2019.

Commander Rheker holds a Master of Science Degree in Public Administration from Wayne State University, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Urban Planning from Eastern Michigan University and a Professional in Human Resources Certification from Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI). His personal decoration and campaign awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), Kosovo Campaign Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Commander Rheker currently resides in Mount Clemens, Michigan. In his civilian capacity he serves at the pleasure of city council as the City Manager for the City of Harper Woods, Michigan. *Updated: 04 December 2019*