

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA REALTOR® GERALD “JERRY” BOURRELL EARNS MILITARY RELOCATION PROFESSIONAL (MRP) CERTIFICATION

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, USA, September 25, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Jerry Bourrell is an intelligent, well-informed and resourceful Associate Broker at Leading Edge Real Estate Group in Huntsville, Alabama.

Jerry grew up in Laurel, Mississippi and attended R.H. Watkins high school. His passion for the outdoors and his belief in service to others led him to the Boy Scouts of America. Recognized by his peers for service, leadership, and brotherhood, He was selected to become a member of Scouting's National Honor Society, Order of the Arrow and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He says, “I believe the Scout Oath and Law were an integral part in forming who I became as an adult. My family has a proud tradition of serving our country in the Military and I wanted to continue that tradition, broaden my cultural understanding of the world, and continue my education.” He graduated from boot camp in the top ten percent of his class, gaining promotion prior to transferring.

The USS Abraham Lincoln was his first ship and he was assigned to the Oxygen and Nitrogen (O2N2) shop in Engineering. He stood out by quickly qualifying as a supervisor on the complex O2N2 generating system. A senior Non-Commissioned Officer normally holds this position with an advanced degree in cryogenics. Jerry requested special permission from the Commanding Officer to waive the rank and school requirements in order to qualify and after his tour on the ship, he transferred to Meridian Naval Air Station.

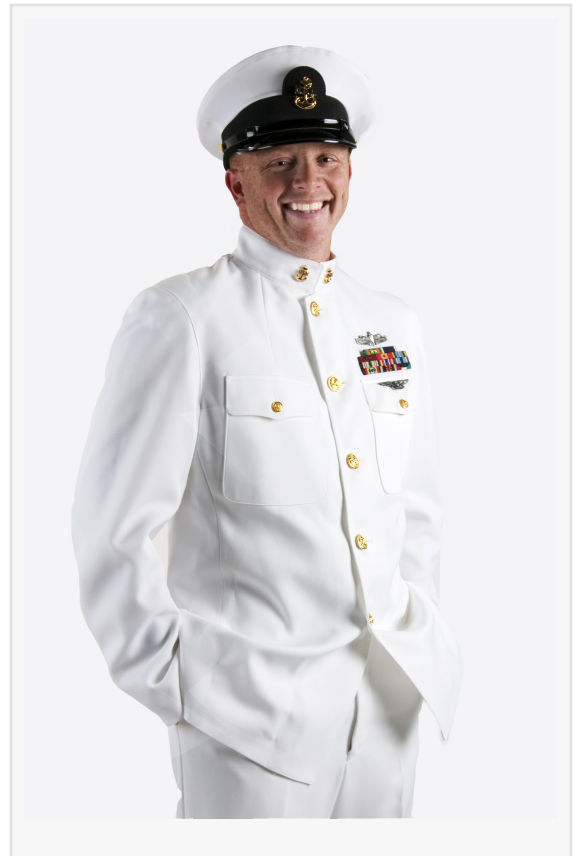
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Once again, he was appointed to a supervisor position, being placed in charge of three sailors in the O2N2 shop. He seized the opportunity to pursue his education and completed forty-four hours of college credit receiving his AA degree while simultaneously, completing an Emergency Medical Technician course and volunteering at a local fire department.

It was during this time, that Jerry met his wife and decided to transfer to Marine Corp Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. He had already visited Hong Kong, Singapore,



Dubai, and Australia and wanted to share the experience of learning about other countries and their cultures with his wife. Prior to their departure, Jerry attended an advanced engineering school on cryogenics, and air conditioning, refrigeration and graduated third out of thirty students.

Jerry supervised a team of nine American and Japanese workers producing oxygen and nitrogen on recently purchased O2N2 generating plants for the US and Japanese military. He created and developed personnel qualification standards, engineering operating procedures and strategic short and long- term preventative maintenance plans, which increased safety for the equipment and operators. He and his wife immediately immersed themselves into learning the Japanese culture, heritage, and language through classes at the University of Maryland. They

enjoyed learning about the Japanese culture, and desired to continue expanding their international experience while representing America overseas. Their next opportunity was on board the USS La Salle in Gaeta, Italy, where he supervised and managed the Valve Shop, Oil Lab, Gauge Calibration Lab and maintained the ships repair parts inventory worth over \$250, 000.00.

Jerry developed detailed written plans, using them to brief and lead a 25-man multinational team on the safe transfer of over 4 million gallons of fuel in port and at sea. Discovering a gap required certifications in the quality assurance program, which Jerry initiated and then implemented a command wide training program resulting in a successful review of the ships quality assurance program. After decommissioning the USS La Salle, he transferred to the USS George H.W.Bush.

Nine months after starting his new job, Jerry was selected "Sailor of the Year" for the ship, earning recognition as the top- rated sailor in his rank. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer and led forty-three sailors in six work centers, in the successful completion of 1,047 preventative and corrective maintenance items, including emergent repairs on three AC plants, one refrigeration unit, and one oxygen plant.

Jerry also volunteered to serve with the Army, conducting Detainee operations in Iraqi for a year. During this time, he managed and supervised 35 sailors and 45 Iraqi Correction Officers responsible for the care of over a thousand ideologically extreme, high-risk detainees. Upon his return, he transferred to the US Embassy in Rome, Italy to work in the Defense Attaché Office where he managed and directed five Italians in the administrative and operational support of six Attachées and two Liaison Officers. As the Diplomatic Clearances Program Manager, he supervised and obtained diplomatic clearances for four thousand eight hundred Military flights, over one thousand hazardous material flights, and over a hundred US ship visits by communicating and coordinating in Italian with the Italian Air Force and Navy.

Jerry also organized and coordinated distinguished visitor appointments to Italy, for the President and



VP of the United States, two Ambassadors, four Congressional Delegations, The Secretary of Defense, The Secretary of State, and The Secretary of Navy, with multiple agencies involved.

Jerry says, "I believe that the knowledge, skills, and experience gained through my Naval career have given me a heart to serve my community." His motto is: "Life is a Journey and a Pocket full of Memories and that if I can help someone put a Memory in their Pocket, then I done something worthwhile."

After becoming a Real Estate agent, Jerry felt that it was very important to have the Military Relocation Professional (MRP) Certification. "You see, I fought for our way of life and the American Dream. When I retired, I wanted to find a way to help people reach the American Dream."

As a Real Estate agent in Huntsville, Alabama, Jerry serves the areas around Redstone Arsenal including Decatur, Madison, Toney, Owens Cross Roads, New Market, Meridianville, Harvest and Hazel Green.

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