Fleet Master Chief (SW/IW/AW) Russell L. Smith Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education Fleet Master Chief



Fleet Master Chief Russell Smith reported to RTC San Diego, California in September 1988 and began his career as an Airman. He became a Weapons Technician (WT) in 1990, then converted to the Intelligence Specialist (IS) rating in 1993 and was selected for the Command Master Chief program in 2007. He has served in a myriad of sea duty assignments, including USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65), SEAL Team FOUR, USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70), two tours on USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), and most recently as the Command Master Chief on USS MOMSEN (DDG 92). His previous shore tours include service as the Operations NCO at the United States Defense Attaché Office in Moscow, Russia, on the OPNAV Staff as the Senior Enlisted for the Intelligence Community, as

the CMC for the Office of Naval Intelligence, OPNAV Staff Command Master Chief in Washington, DC, and most recently as the United States Naval Academy Command Master Chief in Annapolis, MD. He completed six shipboard deployments to the Western Pacific and Central Command AORs in support of Operations DESERT STORM and DESERT FOX, a 292-day combat deployment during Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, disaster relief operations in Indonesia and counter-piracy operations in the Horn of Africa. He also served on numerous deployments and detachments while attached to Naval Special Warfare and Defense Intelligence Agency elements.

Fleet Master Chief Smith is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 125/Blue) and CMC/COB Course (Class 42), and has been awarded the Legion of Merit (two awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and various other personal and unit awards. He received the Edwin T. Layton Leadership Award in fall of 2002 for leadership in the Intelligence Community.

Fleet Master Chief Smith reported for his current assignment as Fleet Master Chief Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education in January 2017.