



***HMCM (SW/AW/FMF/SCW) Brad D. Kowitz***  
Command Master Chief, Naval Hospital Beaufort

Master Chief Petty Officer Kowitz, a native of Portland, Oregon, graduated high school in 1990 and began his career in the United States Navy in October of that same year.

Kowitz reported to Naval Training Center San Diego, California, where he received recruit training and Fireman Apprenticeship training. He reported to his first duty assignment the onboard USS HORNE (CG-30) in 1991, where he completed boiler room qualification and then successfully struck for the Hospital Corpsman rating.

He attended Hospital Corpsman "A" School in 1992 and immediately reported to Naval Hospital Bremerton, Washington. Kowitz then attended Fleet Marine Force Service School in August of 1994, before reporting for duty at Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan. During his tour, he served as the leading petty officer for the emergency department and successfully integrated the ambulance services for Naval Hospital Okinawa and its six outlying clinics with the Japanese fire department island-wide.

In 1999 he reported to Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman School. After graduation, Kowitz was meritoriously advanced to First Class Petty Officer. He was next assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Forces in Okinawa, Japan from 2000-2003. From 2003-2006, he served onboard the USS STETHEM (DDG-63) as the Senior Medical Department Representative, and was advanced to Chief Petty Officer in 2003.

He then reported to Naval Hospital Bremerton in 2006, where he deployed as an Individual Augmentee to Fallujah, Iraq with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Eighteen. Kowitz attended the Senior Enlisted Academy in 2007 and then reported to the USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD-6) from 2008-2011. Master Chief Kowitz was most recently assigned as the Senior Enlisted Leader for Naval Hospital

Beaufort's Branch Health Clinic Parris Island, South Carolina and then in June 2012 he was appointed as the acting Command Master Chief for Naval Hospital Beaufort.

Kowitz's personal awards include Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Enlisted Surface Warfare Insignia, Air Warfare Insignia, Seabee Combat Warfare Insignia, and Fleet Marine Force Warfare.