

HMCM (SW/AW) Charles R. Hickey, U.S. Navy Command Master Chief, Navy Medicine Operational Training Command

Master Chief Hickey began his career on December 26, 1995, at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, where he graduated as an Honor graduate. He completed Hospital Corpsman "A" and Advanced Laboratory Technician "C" school in San Diego, CA, as an honor graduate and reported in the summer of 1997 to Naval Hospital Twenty -Nine Palms, CA. During this tour, he advanced to Second Class Petty Officer.

In February 2001, he reported to Branch Health Clinic Sasebo, Japan. While there, he was selected as Naval Hospital Branch Clinic Junior Sailor of the Year and Naval Hospital Yokosuka Sailor of the Year and was promoted to Chief in 2004.

In April 2005, Master Chief Hickey reported to Yokosuka, Japan, to serve onboard USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63), completing seven deployments throughout the INDOPACOM

AOR. He earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare and Enlisted Air Warfare designators. During his tour, KITTY HAWK made the highest Medical Readiness Scores of all carriers throughout the Navy and promoted to Senior Chief in 2007. In November of 2008, he reported to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) in Washington D.C. to serve as Hospital Corps Planner, where he was a key coordinator in relocating Corpsman "A" and "C" schools to Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, the most extensive DOD consolidation of the Navy, Army, and Air Force medical training.

In 2010, Hickey was promoted to Master Chief and reported to Naval Medical Center San Diego, California, as Deputy Command Master Chief in June 2011. In December 2013, he reported to Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN, to serve as the Lead Detailer of the Hospital Corps, where he oversaw the assignment and career development of 26,000 Hospital Corpsmen, the largest rate in the Navy. In August 2016, Master Chief Hickey reported to BUMED in Falls Church, VA, to serve as the Deputy Director of the Hospital Corps, where he oversaw and directed the creation of plans and policies governing the training, equipping, manning, and career development of 26,000 Corpsmen and directly advised the Navy Surgeon General and all BUMED Flag Officers on matters about the Hospital Corps.

In August 2020, he reported to the BUMED Office of the Medical Inspector General as an Inspector and Investigator, where he inspected all Navy Medicine Commands worldwide for programmatic compliance to DOD/SECNAV/BUMED directives, assessing command climate, and investigation, fraud, waste, abuse, and reprisal cases. In September 2023, Master Chief Hickey became the Command Master Chief of Navy Medicine Operational Training Command in Pensacola, Florida.

Master Chief Hickey is an honor graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy and a graduate of the Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat course. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Navy Commendation Medal (5 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (5 awards), and various other campaign and unit awards.

