

PRCM CARL J. SMITH



Master Chief Carl J. Smith is originally from Albemarle, North Carolina. In November 2001, he entered U.S. Navy Boot Camp and graduated in February 2002. Upon graduation, he attended Aircrew Survival Equipmentman “A” School and graduated in April 2002. He then transferred to Fleet Readiness Center in Lemoore, California. He packed ejection seat parachutes for the F/A-18 Super Hornet for the next two years and was advanced to Petty Officer Third Class.

Upon reporting to Fleet Readiness Center Whidbey Island, Washington, he completed two deployments, earned his Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist insignia for E/A-6B aircraft, and was advanced to Petty Officer Second Class. He qualified as a Full Systems Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Representative and represented the Navy Region Northwest Honor Guard. He was then augmented to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Two, where he completed one Individual Augmentee assignment to Laos, where he assisted in locating, identifying and returning a Missing in Action Pilot’s remains to his family. There, he completed three deployments culminating in his selection as the Junior Sailor of the Year.

He then transferred to Aviation Survival Training Center (ASTC) in Miramar, California, and was advanced to Petty Officer First Class. He qualified as a Master Training Specialist and Naval Aviation Water Survival Training Instructor. He graduated from the Army’s Airborne Course in Ft. Benning, Georgia, earning his Basic Parachutist and Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist warfare designation, culminating in his selection as the Naval Survival Training Institute’s Senior Sailor of the Year.

Upon his transfer from ASTC Miramar, he attended Aircrew Survival Equipmentman “C” School. Smith was advanced to Chief Petty Officer and reported aboard the USS AMERICA (LHA-6), serving as the ship’s Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department Quality Assurance Supervisor. After the ship’s commissioning, he was transferred to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron SEVEN ONE (HSM-71), where he completed the 2016 deployment aboard the USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) and was selected as Senior Chief Petty Officer.

After transferring to Naval Air Systems Command PMA-202 (FAILSAFE), he served as a Regional Trainer for all aspects of Aviation Life Support Systems for the Navy and Marine Corps. During this tour, he completed his Bachelor of Arts in Applied Studies, Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership and graduated from the U.S. Navy’s Senior Enlisted Academy.

In March 2020, Master Chief Smith reported to Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVAIRPAC) in Coronado, California and was advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer. There he served as Aviation Maintenance Management Team One’s (AMMT1) Maintenance Master Chief Petty Officer. There, he led his team in drafting updates and implementing Naval Aviation Maintenance Program policies while performing Aviation Maintenance Inspections (AMI) for the Navy and Marine Corps aviation enterprise, advising leadership, providing training and crucial mentorship to military personnel and civilian contractors on aviation maintenance, OSHA and quality assurance programs. During this tour of duty, he completed his Master of Business Administration from Liberty University and numerous safety, Six Sigma, and leadership certifications.

Master Chief Smith’s decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three gold stars), Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (one silver and one gold star); Expert Rifle; Navy Expert Pistol Medal, and numerous unit and campaign medals. Master Chief has earned the Air Warfare, Surface Warfare, and Naval Parachutist warfare insignias.