



United States Navy Biography

CMDCM(SW/SS/AW/IW) Neal Olds
Command Master Chief
Naval Surface Group Southwest (CNSGSW)



Master Chief Neal Olds joined the Navy in December 1990. He completed the nuclear power training pipeline for Machinist's Mate in March 1993 and volunteered for submarine duty.

His submarine tours included tours of duty onboard USS HAWKBILL (SSN 666) as a member of Machinery Division, completing two western Pacific deployments; USS ALASKA (SSBN 732)(BLUE), where he served as the Machinery Division Leading Petty Officer and Assistant Safety Officer; USS ALABAMA (SSBN 731)(BLUE) as the Machinery Division Leading Chief Petty Officer and USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730)(BLUE) as Engineering Department Master Chief.

Ashore, he served at Naval Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Pacific Northwest as the Lead Project Coordinator, and at the United States Naval Academy where he served as the Brigade Master Chief and 3rd Company Senior Enlisted Leader.

Master Chief Olds was selected for the Command Master Chief Program in February 2013. His served tours as Command Master Chief include USS GRAVELY (DDG 107), Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, USS MAKIN ISLAND (LHD 8), Southwest Regional Maintenance Center (SWRMC), and USS MOBILE BAY (CG 53).

In August 2023, he assumed duties as Command Master Chief for Commander, Naval Surface Group Southwest

Master Chief Olds holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering Technology and is a graduate of the United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, CMC/COB Course, Senior Enlisted Leader Executive Leadership Symposium, and Advanced CMC Course. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (Four Awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Four Awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (Four Awards), Good Conduct Medal (Eight Awards) and various other unit and service awards.