

# COMMAND MASTER CHIEF



CMDDCM(SW/AW) Joseph Schnurbusch  
United States Navy

Master Chief Schnurbusch joined the Navy in July 1978. He attended recruit training at RTC Orlando, Fla. and Radioman "A" School in San Diego, Calif.

Master Chief Schnurbusch's sea duty assignments include Commander, Amphibious Squadron FOUR, USS KING (DDG 41) and USS GUADALCANAL (LPH 7). While onboard GUADALCANAL he was twice selected as Sailor of the Quarter and earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification. While attached to COMPHIBRON FOUR as Assistant Communications Officer, he deployed in USS INCHON, USS WASP (LHD 1), and USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3), qualifying as Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist onboard WASP.

His shore duty assignments include Naval Communications Area Master Station, Naples, Italy. During his tour, he qualified as Technical Control Watch Supervisor. His following tour, at Fleet Training Center, Norfolk, Va., was as an instructor of the Shipboard Electronics Material Officer course.

He advanced to Chief Radioman on September 16, 1991.

In December 1996, he reported to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Atlantic, as the Technical Control Leading Chief. He advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer in May 1998.

Master Chief Schnurbusch was selected for the Command Master Chief program in October 1998. In June 1999, he reported to his first CMC assignment aboard USS HAYLER (DD 997). HAYLER successfully passed a major Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) inspection in March 2000, deployed on UNITAS and the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) Battle Group in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. HAYLER also earned the CINCLANTFLT Golden Anchor Award for retention excellence in FY-01. His most recent assignment was as Command Master Chief of Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Va.

Master Chief Schnurbusch assumed duties as Command Master Chief of USS KEARSARGE in December 2003.

His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with three gold stars.

