

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF CMDMCM (SW/AW/FMF) LARRY DARNELL

Command Master Chief Larry Darnell is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He began his Naval service after completion of Recruit Training at Great Lakes, Illinois in June of 1978. Following Yeoman "A" School in Meridian, Mississippi and Chaplain's Assistant School on Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, he served a shore tour with Fleet Activities Detachment in Yokohama, Japan. Afterwards, he was reassigned to the precommissioning unit and completed a tour aboard USS ACADIA (AD 42).

Command Master Chief Darnell's subsequent tours included Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Coronado, California; Infantry Training School (student); 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force (Regimental RP of 5th Marines and 11th Marines); USS LONG BEACH (CGN 9) and USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72). He was selected as Course Supervisor of Religious Program Specialist "A" and "C" Schools in Meridian, Mississippi. Following his tour at Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii he reported as Atlantic Fleet RP on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and United States Joint Forces Command

Command Master Chief Darnell served as the Sixth Senior Enlisted Advisor and First Command Master Chief to the Chief of Navy Chaplains for the Religious Program Specialist Rating. He is currently serving an 18 month tour as Command Master Chief onboard USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13). Upon completion of this tour he will report to Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek as Command Master Chief of ACU-4.

Master Chief is a graduate of the United States Navy, Senior Enlisted Academy, qualified as an Enlisted Surface Warfare and Aviation Warfare Specialist, as well as being Fleet Marine Force designated and earned the Nuclear Submarine Deterrent Patrol insignia onboard USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729). He is "A" School Company Commander and Instructor qualified and holds a Master Training Specialist designation by the Chief of Naval Education and Training. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal Gold Star and the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal two Gold Stars, along with numerous unit and service decorations.

