

CMDCM(SS) Shaun Garvin
Command Master Chief, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

A native of Millinocket, Maine, Master Chief Garvin enlisted in the Navy in June 1987 graduating from Recruit Training with top honors. He next completed Basic Enlisted Submarine School, and Fire Control Technician "A" and "C" schools graduating at the top of his class in all three courses.

He then reported for duty onboard the fleet ballistic missile submarine, USS LAYFEYETTE (SSBN 616) (GOLD), homeported in Groton, Conn. There, he qualified submarines, Fire Control Technician of the Watch and Chief of the Watch and was advanced to Second Class Petty Officer.

In August 1991, Master Chief Garvin reported to Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn. as a student in AN/BSY-1 Combat Control Maintenance School. After again graduating with top honors, he was hand selected to serve as an instructor for AN/BSY-1 system maintenance. While on shore duty, he volunteered to fill an emergent vacancy onboard attack submarine USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) for a Mediterranean Cruise workup and deployment.

In October 1994, he reported to PCU COLUMBIA (SSN 771) where he was advanced to Petty Officer First Class and was selected as the Fire Control Division Leading Petty Officer and ship's First Lieutenant. He participated in COLUMBIA's change of homeport to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and her maiden Pacific deployment in 1998. In August of 1998, he was selected for advancement to Chief Petty Officer.

Upon completion of his tour on COLUMBIA, he transferred to attack submarine, USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He served as the FT Division LCPO, First Lieutenant and Weapons Department LCPO and completed two Western Pacific deployments.

In August of 2000, Master Chief Garvin transferred to Naval Submarine School, Groton, Conn. and served as the Combat Systems Division Officer. Soon after, he was selected to Senior Chief Petty Officer in May of 2001 and continued to serve there until his transfer in 2003.

In March of 2003, he transferred to attack submarine USS HARTFORD (SSN 767) homeported in Groton, Conn. where he completed one overseas deployment prior to transferring in early 2005.

In April 2005, he reported aboard Submarine Squadron Sixteen in Kings Bay, Ga. and served as the TLAM Strike LCPO and Squadron Sixteen Strike Senior Enlisted Leader. He helped develop the initial guidance for the SSGN program, assisted in bringing USS FLORIDA (SSGN 728) out of the shipyard, and transferred to Kings Bay, Ga. helping organize the first ever SSGN TLAM OTL test launch.

In June 2007 he was selected as Chief of the Boat onboard attack submarine USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706) homeported in Groton, Conn. While on ALBUQUERQUE he completed a SOUTHCOM deployment, a change of homeport to San Diego, CA in conjunction with a WESTERN Pacific Deployment. He was advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer in 2009.

Master Chief Garvin then reported as Chief of the Boat on board USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729 GOLD) in April of 2010, homeported in Kings Bay, GA. While onboard GEORGIA, Master Chief Garvin completed two forward deployed SSGN deployments. He was then selected to the Command Master Chief Program in 2011 and relieved as Submarine Squadron Sixteen CMC in the fall of 2011.

After detachment from GEORGIA, Master Chief Garvin completed the Senior Enlisted Academy and COB/CMC Course in Newport, RI graduating with honors in 2012. Master Chief Garvin then reported as the Command Master Chief of Submarine Squadron Sixteen in March of 2012. In summer of 2012, Master Chief Garvin was selected to become the Submarine Group Ten Command Master Chief and relieved as the CMC in September of 2012.

In May 2015, Master Chief Garvin reported to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and assumed the duties as Command Master Chief.

He is entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Medal (2) awards, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (7) awards, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (6) awards, and other various campaign and unit awards.