

MMCM (SS) KENT R. HOPE, USN
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF, PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD

Master Chief Hope is a native of Sullivan County, PA. In 1988, following his graduation from Sullivan County High School, Sullivan County, PA, he enlisted in the United States Navy. Master Chief Hope attended Basic Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL, in August of 1988. Following initial Submarine and Torpedoman's Mate "A" School, he reported to USS LAPOON (SSN 661) where he qualified in Submarines on 17 March 1990. In July 1992, he reported to the USS CHICAGO (SSN 721),

In September 1996, he reported to Torpedoman's Mate "A" School in Groton, CT for Instructor Duty where he was advanced to TM1.

In August 1999, he reported to USS PITTSBURGH (SSN 720). While on board PITTSBURGH, he qualified Diving Officer of the Watch and was advanced to Chief Torpedoman's Mate.

In May 2002, he transferred to USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719), deployed in February 2003 in support of Operation Iraq Freedom and launched tomahawk missiles during combat operations. In May 2004 he was advanced to Senior Chief Torpedoman's Mate.

In July 2005, he reported to Submarine Squadron 4, Groton, CT, where he served as Squadron Torpedoman. In March 2008, he was transferred to USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) in May 2008 as Chief of the Boat.

In July 2011, he received orders to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and relieved as the Command Master Chief.

Master Chief Hope is authorized to wear the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Navy (3 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (7 awards), the Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal (2 awards), the Battle Efficiency Ribbon (2 awards), the Good Conduct Medal (7 awards), the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Medal (2 awards), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (9 awards), the Navy Expert Rifle Medal and the Navy Expert Pistol Medal.