

**MASTER CHIEF
(SURFACE WARFARE)
MARK J. CROMER
UNITED STATES NAVY**

Engineman Master Chief Mark Cromer, a native of Spokane, Washington, enlisted in the United States Navy in December 1994. He completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois and Damage Control "A" School in Treasure Island, California. He reported to his first command, MCM Rotational Crew Alfa Forward Deployed in Sasebo, Japan in June 1996. He cross rated to the rate of Engineman in October 1997.

Upon completion of his initial sea tour in 1999, he reported to SIMA Ingleside, Texas and served as the Engine Repair Team 2 Leading Petty Officer, 31E Engine Shop.

In April 2003, he reported back to sea duty to USS SCOUT (MCM 8) in Ingleside, Texas where he served as the Engineering Department Leading Petty Officer and was awarded his Surface Warfare Pin. In September 2006 was selected to the paygrade of Chief Petty Officer and was appointed as USS SCOUT's Main Propulsion Assistant.

Completing his second sea tour in 2007, he reported to the Center for Navy Engineering in Great Lakes, Illinois and served as an Engineman "A" School Leading Chief Petty Officer. During this tour he received his Master Training Specialist Certification, his Associates' Degree in Marine Engineering from Coastline Community College and his First Class Boiler Operator's license from the American Society of Power Plant Engineers.

In January 2008, he transferred to PCU New York (LPD 21). He commissioned the ship as the Main Propulsion Division Leading Chief Petty Officer in November 2009 and Certified as a U.S. Navy Fleet Diesel Inspector. In May of 2010 he was selected to the paygrade of Senior Chief Petty Officer and assumed duties as Engineering Department Leading Chief Petty Offer "Top Snipe".

In March of 2012 he transferred to PC RON ONE in Little Creek, Virginia and served as the Squadron's Fleet Diesel Inspector. He led the Engineering Readiness Team as the squadron shifted homeport assignments to Manama, Bahrain in June 2013. In May of 2013 he was selected to the paygrade of Master Chief Petty Officer.

In August of 2014 Master Chief transferred to Puget Sound Naval Ship Yard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Detachment Everett, Everett Washington. He is serving as a Fleet Diesel Inspector and CODE 200 Leading Chief Petty Officer.

Master Chief Cromer's' personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (7 awards), and various unit awards and citations.