



Command Master Chief CMDMCM (SW/EXW) Wayne Welch, USN

Command Master Chief Wayne Welch graduated from Trinity Christian Academy, Jacksonville FL. in 1991. He attended Basic Training in 1992 in Orlando, FL.

He reported to USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55) in 1992) where he advanced to Boatswain's Mate Second Class while earning his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification and completing three deployments.

In 1997, he reported to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. As Recruit Division Commander, he earned the Division Commanders Excellence badge while training 11 Divisions including a "Hall of Fame" Division. He reported to USS UNDERWOOD (FFG 36) in 2000 as the Leading Petty Officer of First Division. While onboard, he completed one deployment to the Persian Gulf and was selected for Chief Petty Officer.

In 2004, he reported to Naval Air Station Jacksonville as the Port Operations Officer. He was the base Chief Petty Officer Transition Coordinator in 2006 for 135 CPO Selects and was selected for Senior Chief Petty Officer. He reported to EXPEDRIVRON THREE, Yorktown, VA in 2007 as the Leading Chief Petty Officer of Boat Detachment One. He earned the Enlisted Expeditionary Warfare Specialist and Small Craft POIC Insignia qualifications while completing one combat deployment to Iraq and was selected for Master Chief Petty Officer.

In 2009, he reported to Naval Station Mayport, FL as the Senior Enlisted Leader for Port Operations. In June 2011, he was selected to be the acting Command Master Chief of Naval Station Mayport, the third largest U.S. Navy fleet concentration area in the world. He reported to USS DONALD COOK (DDG 75) as the Command Master Chief in 2012. While onboard, the ship completed a homeport shift to Rota, Spain and its maiden Ballistic Missile Defense Patrol in addition to being awarded the 2013 and 2014 Battle Effectiveness award.

In December 2014, he became the Command Master Chief of Southeast Regional Maintenance Center (SERMC). Command Master Chief Welch is a graduate of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy Non-Resident Course class 11 and the Command Master Chief Course class 100. He holds Bachelor's degree in Business and Management.