

Master Chief Gene Garland
Command Master Chief

Master Chief Gene Garland is a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina and enlisted in the Navy on April 24, 1991. He completed Recruit Training at RTC San Diego, and attended Information Systems Technician "A" School at Naval Technical Training Center, San Diego, California.

His operational assignments include USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), USS Wasp (LHD 1), USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), and Pre-commissioning Unit USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78).

His shore assignments include Broadcast Supervisor at U.S. Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force, Fleet Training Center Norfolk, and Naval Service Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois where he served as the Immediate Superior in Charge (ISIC) Career Counselor for 81 commands. His previous Command Master Chief tour was VFA-34 from October 2016 to May 2019, where he was detached or deployed for 556 days.

Master Chief Petty Officer Garland is a graduate of the CMC/COB course (class 170101) and the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 196/Blue (Dragons)). His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (six awards) and various unit and campaign awards. He is qualified to wear the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist, Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, and Enlisted Information Warfare Specialist breast insignia. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Excelsior University and a Masters in Business Administration from Trident University (Cum Laude). He is a certified Master Training Specialist and is certified by United States Military Apprenticeships program in Counseling and Office Management.