

CMDCM ROBERT C. SCHMUGGE
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF, PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD, ME

Command Master Chief Robert C. Schmugge is a native of Rush City, Minnesota. He enlisted in the Navy in 2000 and completed basic training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois. He subsequently completed the Naval Nuclear Power Training pipeline as a Nuclear Machinist's Mate before reporting to his first sea duty station.

In May 2002, he reported onboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) in Norfolk Virginia where he served in Reactor Department. He earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist qualification, and was promoted to Petty Officer First Class.

In March 2008, he reported as an instructor to the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Charleston South Carolina and was selected to Chief Petty Officer. During his tour, he earned his Master Training Specialist while serving as a Basic Machinery instructor, Mechanical Equipment Senior Instructor and Command Indoctrination Coordinator.

In September 2011, he reported onboard USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74), where he served as the Reactor Mechanical One Plant LCPO, Reactor Mechanical Division LCPO, Propulsion Plant Drill Team Coordinator, and Reactor Training DIVO. During his tour he deployed three times and was selected for Senior Chief Petty Officer.

In January 2017, he reported to Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific, Bremerton, WA where he was selected for Master Chief, completed the Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 225 Khaki), and served as Force Nuclear Propulsion Mechanic.

In August 2019, he reported onboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) as the Reactor Department Master Chief where he completed one deployment before his selection for Command Master Chief. In October 2022 he graduated from the Command Master Chief Course and in November reported to USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101) where his Chief's Mess earned the James E. Williams CPO Mess Award for the Pacific Fleet. In June 2025 he graduated from the Major Command Master Chief Course and subsequently reported as CMC to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME.

Master Chief Schmugge's personal awards include Meritorious Service Medal(two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.