

CMDCM(SS) Ashley R. Drake

Command Master Chief, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Command Master Chief Ashley Drake, a native of Circleville, Ohio, entered the Navy in 1990 at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Upon completion of basic training, he attended Machinist's Mate "A" School at Great Lakes, Ill. and Basic Enlisted Submarine School in Groton, Conn.

His initial fleet assignment was to USS *Pennsylvania* (SSBN 735) (Blue) homeported in Kings Bay, Ga. While assigned to Auxiliary Division, he completed 11 Strategic Deterrent Patrols and advanced to the rank of first class petty officer before transferring in 1997. From 1997 to 2000, he served as an instructor in the Engineering department at Naval Submarine School, Groton, Conn. From 2000 to 2002, he served as the Auxiliary Division leading petty officer onboard USS *Buffalo* (SSN 715) homeported in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he completed one Western Pacific Deployment and advanced to Chief Petty Officer in 2001. From 2002 to 2004, he served as Auxiliary Division Leading Chief Petty Officer onboard USS *Los Angeles* (SSN 688), also homeported in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he completed one Western Pacific Deployment. In 2004, he advanced to the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer and transferred to Naval Submarine School, where he served as the division officer for Machinist's Mate (Submarines) "A" School and completed his qualifications for the Chief of the Boat Program. In 2007, he attended the Senior Enlisted Academy and COB/CMC Course in Newport, R.I., and reported as the Chief of the Boat onboard USS *Alexandria* (SSN 757), homeported in Groton, Conn. During this tour, he advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer in 2008, and completed two Central Command extended deployments. He served as Command Master Chief for Submarine Learning Center, Groton, Conn. from 2011 to 2014. He also served as Command Master Chief for Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy from 2014 to 2017. Master Chief Drake relieved as the Command Master Chief for Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in April, 2017.

Master Chief Drake has earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Administration from Roger Williams University. His personal awards include the Meritorious Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (six awards), and numerous campaign and unit awards.