

**Command Master Chief
Chief of Naval Air Training
Regional Command Master Chief
Navy Region South**

Thomas H. Sheppard IV

**CNO Directed Command Master Chief
Surface Warfare**

Master Chief Sheppard was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the Navy and attended Recruit Training Center Orlando, Fla., for boot camp. He then attended ET "A" school in Great Lakes, and ET "C" school at AESD San Diego, Calif. Master Chief Sheppard's first assignment was in September 1976 onboard USS HAROLD E. HOLT (FF 1074) where he served as a radar maintenance technician. While onboard, he was advanced to Petty Officer Second Class and assumed the duties as Leading Petty Officer. He qualified as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist in 1979.

He then reported to Commander, Ocean Systems Pacific as a 3M inspector and was advanced to ET1. After re-enlisting, he transferred to Naval Command Master Station Eastern Pacific and was assigned as the Ford Island site supervisor in support of Commander THIRD Fleet.

His next tour was onboard USS BADGER (FF 1071) where he advanced to Chief Petty Officer, assuming additional duties as Leading Chief Petty officer, Division Officer, and stood JOOD underway. Afterwards he was transferred to Mobile Technical Unit ONE as the senior radar technician and he advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer and assumed the duties of the Combat System Department Head.

Master Chief's next tour of duty was onboard USS LEFTWICH (DD 984) where he served as 3M Coordinator and assumed duty as the Command Master Chief which included a deployment during Operation DESERT STORM to the Arabian Gulf.

His follow on shore assignment was to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) as Command Master Chief. It was during this time the Submarine Base SIMA and Surface SIMA merged to become the Naval Intermediate Maintenance Facility (NAVIMFAC), the largest command in Hawaii, with more than 1,600 sailors and 600 civilians. The NAVIMFAC went on to receive the Bronze Hammer award in its first year. Master Chief Sheppard then reported to Commander, SEVENTH Fleet where he served as the Seventh Fleet Command Master Chief.

Master Chief Sheppard attended the U.S. Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy, graduating with military distinction. He holds an Associates Degree from Gavalin College, and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Excelsior. He is a member of the Chief of Naval Operations and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Panel.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal with two Gold stars.

