



MASTER CHIEF CHARLES CLARKE, USN, RETIRED

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Fleet Master Chief Petty Officer Charles “Chuck” Clarke is a United States Veteran, who served more than 28 years in the United States Navy. When he retired in April 2016, he was one of the top five enlisted sailors in the service.

Master Chief Clarke most recently served as the 17th Fleet Master Chief for United States Fleet Forces Command. During this time, he was responsible for giving leadership and guidance to the enlisted sailors and providing advice to Navy leadership. Previously, he served as Command Master Chief onboard USS Kitty Hawk, which was homeported in Japan and Washington, and USS Nimitz, which was homeported in California. He also held the position of Command Master Chief for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/FIFTH Fleet/Combined Maritime Forces in Manama, Bahrain.

Some of Master Chief Clarke’s other assignments include disbursing clerk onboard USS Dubuque, military pay supervisor at the Naval Mobile Construction

Battalion Forty and at the Recruit Training Command and PSD Point Loma, the deputy disbursing officer onboard USS Mount Vernon, and the command career counselor at Naval Support Activity and PCD Iwo Jima.

Master Chief Clarke is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, the Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat Course and the National Defense University Keystone Course. He holds an Associate degree from National University in San Diego, a Bachelor’s degree from Excelsior College and a Master’s degree from the University of Oklahoma. Currently, he is pursuing a PhD in Organizational Leadership at Northcentral University.

His military honors include the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, six Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, six Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He also holds numerous individual, campaign and unit awards.