



## **Command Senior Chief Nathaniel Crichton**

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Senior Chief Crichton enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July of 2003 in Bremerton, WA. After completing Boot Camp, he reported to his 1st duty station in San Diego, CA onboard the USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN-74) from October 2003 to September 2008.

While aboard, he conducted two 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet deployments and completed two large-scale incremental maintenance availabilities as Work Center Supervisor and Leading Petty Officer of various divisions. During this tour, he struck Boatswain's Mate, advanced to BM1, and earned his ESWS and EAWS warfare insignia.

His next tour was at FLEET ACTIVITIES YOKOSUKA TRANSIENT PERSONNEL UNIT from September 2008 to October 2011. While aboard, he served as departmental Leading Petty Officer and ensured the safe processing, berthing, and management of all 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet Transient and Limited Duty Sailors while also participating in multiple events with the host nation. Additionally, he was involved in the base response to the 2011 Fukushima Earthquake.

His second sea tour was on the USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57) in San Diego, CA, from November 2011 to October 2015, when he was selected for Chief Petty Officer. While aboard as OD Leading Petty Officer, he completed a RIMPAC deployment, two maintenance availabilities, an INSURV, and multiple basic phase certification events and was awarded Senior Sailor of the Year.

His third sea tour was on the USS MILIUS (DDG 69) from October 2015 to November 2016 in San Diego, CA. While aboard as OD Leading Chief Petty Officer (LCPO) he brought his ship through an extended maintenance availability and basic phase certification cycle. During this period he was also selected to fill the OD LCPO role aboard the USS SAMPSON (DDG 102) for four months to get that command through required certifications.

His second shore tour was assigned to AFLOAT TRAINING GROUP, MIDDLE PACIFIC in Pearl Harbor, HI where he served as Anti-Terrorism Warfare Lead/LCPO and MOB-S (Seamanship) Team Lead from November 2016 to November 2019. While aboard, he earned his

Master Training Specialist (MTS), Afloat Training Specialist (ATS), and Small Craft Petty Officer in Charge Insignia qualifications.

His fourth sea tour was with DESTROYER SQUADRON 23 in San Diego, CA from November 2019 to August 2022 as N3 (Operations) LCPO. While aboard, he conducted two arduous 7<sup>th</sup> fleet deployments aboard the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71), completed his Staff Tactical Action Officer and Surface and Anti-Submarine Warfare Commander qualifications, and was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer.

Upon advancement, he was realigned to the USS GERMANTOWN (LSD 42) in San Diego, CA from August 2022 to May 2024, first as Deck Department LCPO and then selected to assume the Command Senior Enlisted Leader position from July 2023 onward. During this tour, he guided the command through three maintenance availabilities and multiple basic phase certification events.

Senior Chief Crichton has earned an Associate Degree in Management Studies and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland Global Campus. His awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (9 awards), and numerous other personal, unit, and campaign awards. He is happily married, and a proud father to a daughter and son.