

CMDCM(SW/AW) Leon R. Walker, Jr., USN Command Master Chief, Naval Service Training Command

Command Master Chief Leon R. Walker, Jr. hails from Cleveland, Ohio, and joined the Navy in June 1983. He attended boot camp at Naval Station Great Lakes (then Naval Training Center) in November 1983. He attended Seaman ATD (now Boatswain's Mate "A" School) from January 14, 1984 until March 14, 1984.

Upon completion of SN ATD, he reported aboard USS Reid (FFG 30) stationed in Long Beach, California in March 1984. The ship then changed homeport to San Diego.

Master Chief Walker spent two years in deck division and became a QM in 1986. He made QM3 and QM2 onboard USS Reid and completed numerous tours to the Persian Gulf.

In May 1987, his ship was called to assist the USS Stark where they fought numerous fires and recovered 37 Sailors that perished from two missile attacks in the Persian Gulf.

In December 1987, Master Chief Walker was discharged from the Navy, and returned to Cleveland, Ohio where, after 72 days, he returned to the Navy.

In March 1988, Master Chief Walker reported aboard USS Mahlon S. Tisdale (FFG 27). In 1989, he was selected as Sailor of the Year. He spent four years onboard and was promoted QM1 in December 1991.

In June 1992, Master Chief Walker reported to NRD Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1994 he was selected as Recruiter of the Year. After his four-year tour in Cleveland, Ohio, Master Chief Walker reported aboard USS Carr (FFG-52) in 1996. Master Chief Walker spent four years onboard and was selected as COMNAVSURFLANT Sea Sailor of the Year in 2000.

Upon completion of that tour, Master Chief Walker reported to QM/SM "A" school in Great Lakes as an Instructor. In 2000, he was selected for Chief. In 2001, Master Chief Walker became the LCPO of SN ATD.

In April 2003, Master Chief Walker was selected for Senior Chief and then reported to USS Kearsarge (LHD-3). In March 2004, Master Chief Walker attended the Air Force Senior enlisted Academy, reported back to USS Kearsarge, and spent three years there.

He was then selected for Master Chief in April 2006. In October 2006, Master Chief Walker was selected to become an RDC. He was selected to the CMC program in February of 2007, completed RDC school in April of 2007, where he led two divisions and in September 2007 he accepted orders to USS Lassen DDG-82 homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

Master Chief Walker served for two years onboard USS Lassen, and then reported as the CMC of Naval Station Great Lakes. Upon completion of his tour at Naval Station Great Lakes, he was selected as the CMC of Naval Service Training Command

His awards include Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4), Navy Achievement Medal (2) and numerous other awards.