

FORCE MASTER CHIEF (SURFACE WARFARE/ AIR WARFARE)
JAMES WILLIAMS
UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCE ATLANTIC
FORCE MASTER CHIEF



Force Master Chief James Williams enlisted in the Navy in 1984.

After completing recruit training in Great Lakes, IL, he reported aboard USS BLUERIDGE (LCC 19) in Yokosuka, Japan. His second command was USS OLDENDORF (DD 972) also in Yokosuka, Japan. After completing this tour of duty, he transferred to USS PETERSON (DD 969) in Norfolk, VA. He later cross-decked to USS AUSTIN (LPD 4) where he qualified as a Combat Information Center Watch Officer and Officer of the Deck underway. In May of 1992 he reported to Navy Recruiting District, Memphis Tennessee and in September 1994 he was initiated into the Chief Petty Officer ranks.

Upon completing his recruiting tour, he reported back to sea aboard USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15). His next duty assignment was on the staff of the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic/United States Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, VA, where he served as Senior Enlisted Advisor for the J3 directorate. In May 2002 he reported aboard USS NASSAU (LHA 4). He then reported to USS MAHAN (DDG 72) and assumed the duties as the Command Master Chief. His follow-on Command Master Chief billet was on board USS WASP (LHD-1). Master Chief Williams is currently serving as Force Master Chief for Commander Naval Surface Force, Atlantic

Force Master Chief Williams is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy, Class 56.

Master Chief Williams' personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 awards) as well as various unit, campaign and personal awards.