

**ENCM(SW) JOHNNIE L. D. SMITH
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF
USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH 11)**

ENCM(SW) Smith enlisted in the United States Navy on July 29, 1974 in San Antonio, Texas. Upon completion of Basic Training at Great Lakes, Illinois, his first assignment was to Assault Craft Unit-ONE (ACU 1) at the Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, CA. While assigned to ACU 1, he made four extended deployments onboard USS JUNEAU (LPD 10), USS MONTICELLO (LSD 35), USS CLEVELAND (LPD 7), and USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8).

In August 1978 Master Chief Smith transferred to the Naval Security Group Activity, Hanza, Okinawa, Japan with a follow on tour at the Naval Fleet Activity, Sasebo, Japan.



Returning to sea, he was stationed on USS PROTEUS (AS 19), home ported in Guam, Mariana Islands from June 1982 to November 1983. While serving as LPO of the Hydraulic Shop in the Repair Department, he completed his seventh deployment to the Western Pacific. Upon transfer from USS PROTEUS (AS 19), Master Chief Smith was ordered back to ACU 1 where he served as Chief Engineer of LCU 1646 and 1651, deploying again to the Western Pacific onboard USS DENVER (LSD 5) and USS PELELIU (LHA 5).

His second shore duty assignment was at the Naval Amphibious School, Coronado, CA. From April 1986 to June 1989 he served as an instructor in the Amphibious Technical Training Department and 3-M Coordinator at the Naval Amphibious School, Coronado.

In June 1989 Master Chief Smith reported to USS PIGEON (ASR 19) as the Auxiliary Division Officer and later served as the Command Master Chief. After decommissioning of USS PIGEON (ASR 19), he served as Command Master Chief in USS SCHENECTADY (LST 1185) deployed in the Indian Ocean. In October 1993 Master Chief Smith entered the Command Master Chief Program, and assumed the duty as Command Master Chief, Naval Support Activity, Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, and reported to USS SHENANDOAH (AD 44) in October 1994.

He is currently a veteran of ten Western Pacific, two Northern Pacific, two Mediterranean, and one Indian Ocean deployments. He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards), Good Conduct Medal (5 awards), and numerous campaign and service awards.