THE THIRTEEN MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS OF THE NAVY
Master Chief Petty Officer Delbert D. Black was born on July 11, 1922 in Orr, Oklahoma, graduating from high school in 1940. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on March 14, 1941.

On January 13, 1967, the Secretary of the Navy announced Master Chief Black was selected as the First Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

Master Chief Black was the first Navy enlisted man to receive the Distinguished Service Medal.
Master Chief Petty Officer John D. Whittet was born on September 4, 1925, in Providence, Rhode Island. He attended local grammar schools and the Cranston (Rhode Island) High School.

In addition to two Presidential Unit Citations and two Navy Unit Commendations, Master Chief Whittet holds twelve other awards including the Good Conduct Medal (eight awards), the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Vietnam Service Ribbon. On June 25, 1974, the Chief of Naval Operations presented Master Chief Whittet with the Distinguished Service Medal.
Master Chief Petty Officer Robert J. “Bob” Walker was born on February 2, 1929, at Baldwin, New York. He attended grammar and high school in Oxford, New York.

In addition to the Navy Achievement and Navy Commendation Medal, Master Chief Walker holds seven other awards including the Navy Occupation Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Good Conduct Medal.
Master Chief Thomas S. Crow was born on March 16, 1934, in McArthur, Ohio, and graduated from McArthur High School in 1952.

Master Chief Crow retired from active duty on 1 November 1982. He remains an active advocate of the Navy as a Co-chairman of the Secretary of the Navy Retired Affairs from 1983-86, honorary board chairman, U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation, Navy League of the United States, Fleet Reserve Association, a member on the board of advisors to San Diego Armed Services YMCA, and president of the United Armed Forces Association.
Master Chief Avionics Technician Billy C. Sanders was born July 21, 1936, in Montgomery, Alabama. After graduating from high school, he initially began his military career by joining the U.S. Air Force in February 1954. Upon being discharged in 1957, Master Chief Sanders joined the Air Force Reserve. He attended Huntington College in Montgomery from January to May 1958.

The Master Chief reported to Naval Air Facility Lajes, Azores, in February 1980 where he served as the maintenance chief and as Command Master Chief. During this tour, he received the Navy Commendation Medal.
Master Chief William H. Plackett grew up in Paxton, Illinois, and enlisted in the Navy on October 18, 1956. After graduation from recruit training, he attended radioman "A" school in Norfolk, Virginia.

Master Chief Plackett was selected as the sixth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy by Admiral James Watkins, Chief of Naval Operations, on July 17, 1985, and assumed his duties on October 1, 1985.
Duane R. Bushey was born on May 3, 1944, in Lebanon, New Hampshire. Following graduation from Wicomico Senior High School in Salisbury, Maryland, he enlisted in the Navy in June 1962.

Master Chief Bushey has received special recognition as Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year for 1972 and Tidewater Virginia’s Military Citizen of the Year for 1982. The Bushey family was selected as Tidewater Military Family of the Year for 1988.

Master Chief Bushey is entitled to wear a Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (six awards), Meritorious Unit Commendation and Battle “E” (two awards). He is designated an Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist and has accumulated more than 6,000 flying hours and made more than 400 carrier landings.
ETCM(SW) John Hagan, USN  
Eighth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy  
August 28, 1992 to March 27, 1998

- Master Chief Hagan was born in Luton, England, on May 20, 1946. He was reared and attended schools in Asheville, North Carolina. After high school, he enlisted in the Navy in December 1964 and attended basic training at Recruit Training Center, San Diego, California. He then attended Electronics Technician "A" School at Naval Training Center, Treasure Island, California, and completed a short assignment at Naval Air Test Center Patuxent River, Maryland.

- Hagan's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (with gold star), as well as unit and campaign awards.
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (Select) James L. Herdt, a native of Casper, Wyo., joined the U. S. Navy in 1966. After attending Machinist’s Mate “A” School in Great Lakes, Ill., he served sea tours aboard the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) and USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659G) and shore tours at Nuclear Power Training Unit, Windsor, Conn., and Radiological Repair Facility in New London, Conn.

Master Chief Herdt is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy and U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. He has earned a master of business administration with a concentration in human resources management from Florida Institute of Technology. He is qualified as an Enlisted Aviation Warfare and Surface Warfare Specialist, as well as in the Submarine Service. Master Chief Herdt is certified as a Master Training Specialist.
MTCM (SS/AW) Terry D. Scott
Tenth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy
April 22, 2002 to July 10, 2006

- Born in Buffalo, Missouri and raised in Louisburg, Kansas, Master Chief Scott enlisted under the delayed entry program in December 1976. Completing Basic Training in October 1977 he went on to attend Basic Submarine School and Missile Technician "A" and "C" schools. In 1978, Master Chief Scott reported for his first tour of duty aboard USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620). In 1983 he attended Instructor Training in Norfolk, Virginia.

- MCPON Scott has completed fifteen deployments aboard Aircraft Carriers, Fast Attack Submarines and Ballistic Missile Submarines. These deployments include the Arabian Gulf, Western Pacific, North Atlantic, Mediterranean and a variety of patrols and missions on board submarines. He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University.
Master Chief Joe R. Campa Jr. was born in Lynwood, California. He was raised in Southern California and enlisted in the Navy on 2 June 1980. He completed Recruit Training and Hospital Corps “A” School in San Diego, California.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Army Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (six awards) and various unit and campaign awards.
West was born in Rising Fawn, Ga. He graduated from Northwest Georgia High School in 1981 and immediately entered the U.S. Navy.

West's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), Enlisted Surface Warfare Insignia, Enlisted Submarine Insignia, and SSBN Deterrent Patrol Pin.
AMCM (AW/NAC) Mike D. Stevens
Thirteenth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy
September 28, 2012 to present

- Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike D. Stevens was born and raised in Montana. He graduated from Arlee High School in May 1983 and immediately entered the U.S. Navy attending basic training in San Diego in June 1983.

- Stevens’ personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy Achievement Medal (six awards), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal with operational “O”, Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist Insignia, and Enlisted Naval Aircrew Wings.
AMCM (AW/NAC)
Mike D. Stevens