



CSCM (SS) Tom Farnsworth
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Senior Enlisted Leader
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Master Chief Farnsworth is a native of Lansing, Michigan. He attended Everett High School and graduated in 1977. In July of that year, he enlisted in the United States Navy and attended boot camp at Recruit Training Command Orlando, Florida and Basic Enlisted Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut. Upon completion of school he reported to the USS NATHAN HALE (SSBN 623 G) operating out of Holy Loch, Scotland as a non-designated striker. During his second patrol he became designated as an MSSA and earned his Enlisted Submarine Warfare pin.

After completing ten strategic deterrent patrols he reported to Groton, Connecticut in 1983 as a Second Class Petty Officer for two years of shore duty in the Unaccompanied Enlisted Personnel Housing Department where he worked as a barracks supervisor.

In 1985 he was promoted to First Class Petty Officer and received orders to the Pre-commissioning Unit for *USS Chicago (SSN 721)* under construction at the Newport News Shipyard and Dry-dock Company in Newport News, Virginia.

In 1987, Master Chief Farnsworth split-toured to the *USS Memphis (SSN 691)* and was assigned duties as the leading mess management specialist. In 1988, while on the *USS Memphis*, he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer. From the *USS MEMPHIS* he reported aboard *USS OKLAHOMA CITY (SSN 723)* and completed a two-year tour as the leading mess management specialist.

In 1990 he reported to the Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. where he was assigned duties as a company commander and water survival instructor. He was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer during that tour in 1993.

In 1994, Master Chief Farnsworth reported to the *USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668)* as the leading mess management specialist. In 1996 he was assigned to the *USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39)* as the leading mess management specialist. The ship won the Capt. Edward F. Ney Award in 1997 for food service excellence.

In 1998, he transferred to Fitting Out and Supply Support Assistance Center where he was assigned as a Pre-commissioning Unit outfitter. During this tour he helped stand up 22 shipboard messes on all classes of ships and submarines under construction at various shipyards around the country. He was promoted to Master Chief in April 2001.

In 2001 Master Chief Farnsworth reported to the White House Mess in Washington, D.C. where he served as the Food Service Department Head responsible for the entire West Wing Navy Mess food and beverage operation. His duties also included providing food security for the President and First Lady during both domestic and foreign travel.

In 2003 Master Chief Farnsworth reported to the Navy Food Management Team in Norfolk, Virginia as an instructor. In July 2004 he assumed the duties as the Fleet Industrial Supply Center Norfolk, Va. Senior Enlisted Leader.

His personal awards include: Meritorious Service Medal (first award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (third award), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (third award), Good Conduct Medal (sixth award) and several unit and campaign awards.

