



**CMDCM(AW/NAC) TIMOTHY  
MCKINLEY  
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF**

**COMMANDER FLEET READINESS  
CENTERS**



Command Master Chief McKinley, a native of Deming, New Mexico, enlisted in the United States Navy on May 27, 1987. Following completion of basic training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego, California, he reported to Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tennessee, where he completed Aviation Electronics Technician “A” school. Upon graduation, he reported to NAS Pensacola for Naval Aircrewman Candidate School and Aviation Electronic Warfare Operator School “C” school, followed by Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) training in Brunswick, Maine.

He reported to his first operational squadron, Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron TWO (VQ-2), based in Rota, Spain, in October 1988. He deployed throughout the Mediterranean in the EA-3B Skywarrior, including a deployment to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where he flew 28 combat reconnaissance missions during Operation Desert Storm. In 1992, he transferred to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron SIX (VQ-6) as a plank owner, deploying aboard the USS America and the USS Eisenhower with the ES-3A Shadow aircraft, flying combat reconnaissance missions during Operations Southern Watch, Deny Flight and Provide Promise. Returning to VQ-2 in November 1995, he continued to fly missions on deployment throughout the Mediterranean and Arabian Gulf regions, and was assigned to the Special Projects work center manufacturing and testing prototype electronic warfare equipment.

Command Master Chief McKinley’s first shore assignment was as an instructor at FASOTRAGRULANT DET Jacksonville, Florida, from 1999 to 2002, where he taught electronic warfare and aviation maintenance courses and earned his Master Training Specialist designation. Returning to VQ-2 for a third tour and his last as a naval aircrewman from 2002 to 2004, Command Master Chief McKinley flew reconnaissance missions in the EP-3E during Operation Enduring Freedom and served as the Training Department leading petty officer (LPO). His second shore tour was as a Recruit Division commander (RDC) at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois, from 2004 to 2007, where he served as an RDC and Battle Stations 21’s first leading chief petty officer (LCPO).

From 2007 to 2010, he was assigned to the Tridents of Patrol Squadron TWO SIX (VP-26), where he served as the 100 and 200 Division LCPO, Department LCPO and the senior enlisted leader of Commander, Task Force (CTF) 47.1 in the SOUTHCOM AOR. In 2010, he was assigned as the command

senior chief of Naval Test Wing Atlantic, the most technically diverse air wing in all naval aviation. In 2013, Command Master Chief McKinley transferred to the Rooks of Electronic Attack Squadron ONE THREE SEVEN (VAQ-137) as the command master chief where he deployed aboard the USS Roosevelt in support of Operation Inherent Resolve until he was selected to his current position as the command master chief for Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers.

Command Master Chief McKinley holds an Associate's Degree from Western International University and is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy Class 148, Gray, and the Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat Course, Class 120. He has earned his Enlisted Aviation, Naval Aircrewman, and Master Training Specialist designations.

His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Air Medal (2 Strike Flight awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (6 awards), and various unit and campaign awards.