



## MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER(FMF/SW) CHRIS KOTZ FORCE MASTER CHIEF

Force Master Chief Chris Kotz, a native of North Augusta, South Carolina, enlisted in the United States Navy in February 1991. Following graduation from basic training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego, California, he reported to Basic Hospital Corps School, Naval School of Health Sciences, San Diego, California. Kotz later graduated from the Surface Force Independent Duty Corps School and also the Field Medical Service School. United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 140), Command Leadership School (Class 95) and has earned a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Ashford University.

Kotz completed sea duty assignments at USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15), USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13), USS STEPHEN W. GROVES (FFG 29), LCS Crew 101 in USS FREEDOM (LCS 1) and USS FORT WORTH (LCS 3).

Ashore, his tours include Navy Reserve Center, Tyler, Texas, Branch Medical Clinic Fort Worth, Texas, Navy Reserve Readiness Command South (formerly REDCOM 11), Inspector-Instructor, Company F(-), 2d Battalion, 23d Marines, and Littoral Combat Ship Squadron

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Kotz also has as a combat tour with Task Force Military Police, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Marines (Reinforced) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His last assignment was as the Command Master Chief to Commander, Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North headquartered in New Orleans, Louisiana.

He is designated a Fleet Marine Force Warfare and Surface Warfare Specialist.

Kotz's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), and various unit and campaign awards.

Kotz became the 16th Force Master Chief of the Navy Reserve on October 13, 2017.

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