

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF (SW / IW) THORMOD J. FORSETH CENTER FOR SURFACE COMBAT SYSTEMS

Command Master Chief Thormod Forseth is a native of Billings, Montana and graduated from Skyview High School. He enlisted in the Navy in December 1995 and attended Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois. He graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy Class 126 in August 2009 and holds an associate degree in general education from Central Texas College.



After completing basic electronics training and Fire Control "A" and "C" schools, he reported to Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) in Avondale, Louisiana for his first sea-duty assignment. During this tour, he was selected and temporarily assigned as a member of the All-Navy Baseball team in 2001. He reported to PCU Green Bay (LPD 20) in Norfolk, Virginia in May 2005 but the delivery of the ship was delayed by Hurricane Katrina. He was retrained as an Aegis systems supervisor and a combat systems maintenance manager and was forward deployed to USS Chancelorsville (CG 62) based at Yokosuka, Japan. After completing a successful crew swap, he remained in Japan aboard USS Shiloh (CG 67). He also deployed on USS Stout (DDG 55) operating in U.S. 6th Fleet from March through May of 2011. In March 2012, he graduated from the Command Master Chief / Chief of the Boat (CMC / COB) Course Class 99 and immediately reported to USS Laboon (DDG 58) as the CMC.

His shore tours include service at Navy Recruiting Station Billings, Montana for the hometown recruiting program; Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia as the force fire controlman and force ballistic missile defense supervisor; His shore CMC tours include Navy Information Operations Command Colorado (NIOC-C) and Center for Surface Combat Systems.

In June 2020, he reported as the CMC for Navy Information Warfare Systems Command.

Forseth earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare qualification in May 1998 aboard USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) and Enlisted Information Warfare qualification in June 2015 while stationed at NIOC-C. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (six awards), and various unit, campaign, and service awards.