

Blake G. Schimmel***Command Master Chief (AW/SW/EXW/IDW/PJ)***

Command Master Chief(AW/SW/EXW/IDW/PJ) Blake G. Schimmel is a native of Wheaton, Illinois, and graduated from St. John's Military Academy in 1989. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in November 1990 and completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command Orlando, Florida.

Blake completed Basic Electricity and Electronics School in Orlando, Florida, Electronics Technician "A" School in Great Lakes, Illinois, and various "C" Schools in San Diego. He then reported to USNS Spica (T-AFS-9), in Agana, Guam, in 1992.

Blake graduated from Naval Special Warfare Combat Crewman (SWCC) School (Class 013) in 1994. He then reported to Special Boat Team 12 (SBT-12) and served in multiple sea and shore duty billets. While assigned to SBT-12, Blake deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, was promoted to Chief Petty Officer, and qualified as a SWCC and Patrol Officer.

Blake served at the NATO Air Component Headquarters, Izmir, Turkey, in 2006, then reported to USS John L. Hall (FFG-32), where he served as the Visit Board Search and Seizure Team Leader and the CS-4 division Leading Chief Petty Officer. Blake then reported to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, in 2008, and served on Flag Staff.

Blake reported to the Joint Communications Unit (JCU) in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in 2009, where he stood up the Expeditionary Warfare Specialist (EXW) and Information Dominance Warfare Specialist (IDW) programs at JCU, and earned his Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Wings. While assigned to JCU, he also deployed multiple times in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn.

Blake graduated from the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 156; gray) in 2010 and was selected for Command Master Chief (CMDCM) in 2011. He also attended Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce Education and Training Development in August 2011. Blake then completed the Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat(CMC/COB) Capstone Course in 2012. He served his first CMDCM tour with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron EIGHT (HSC-8), the "Eightballers."

Blake joined the Blue Angels in November 2015. His decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various personal and unit awards.