

CMDCM Philip R. Ibanez

Command Senior Enlisted Leader



U.S. Navy Command Master Chief Philip Ibanez is the Command Senior Enlisted Leader to the Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) located on Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The DTRA mission is to safeguard the U.S. and its allies from weapons of mass destruction (WMD), specifically chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosive threats, and improvised threats by providing the means to prevent and counter the proliferation of WMD and improvised threats to reduce, eliminate, and mitigate their effects. This includes helping ensure the U.S. maintains a safe, secure, effective and credible nuclear weapons deterrent. As the DoD Combat Support Agency for the Counter WMD and improvised threats mission, DTRA develops and provides operational support for associated capabilities to warfighters worldwide.

Master Chief Ibanez's previous Command Master Chief Assignment was at Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Twelve in Virginia Beach, Virginia. This Unit was an Operational Deployable Task Group providing Command and Control of deployed EOD forces and C-IED enablers in support of Navy, Joint, Interagency, and Coalition Commanders across the full range of military operations.

Master Chief Ibanez entered the Navy in 1997 and, after completing a qualifying "A" school, entered directly into the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) profession. He has held numerous jobs within EOD to include operational tours at EOD Mobile Unit Five, EOD Mobile Unit Eight and Naval Special Warfare Development Group. He has completed three training tours, one at Defense Explosive Ordnance Disposal School (DEODS) in Chattenden, England under the Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) where he ran the International Clearance Diver Course, one at EOD Training and Evaluation Unit Two as a Chemical Ordnance Instructor and finally at EOD Mobile Unit Two where he served as the training Master Chief in charge of all command training. He additionally completed a staff tour at Special Operations Command Pacific (SOCPAC) where he served as a Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction advisor to Commander SOCPAC.

Master Chief Ibanez earned a Master in Business Administration (MBA) from American Public University; a Bachelors in Homeland Security with emphasis in Terrorism Studies from American Military University; and a certificate in Weapons of Mass Destruction Preparedness from American Military University. He is additionally a graduate of the U.S. Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy and Command Master Chief Course.

His decorations include two Bronze Star's both with Valor and two Defense Meritorious Service Medals. Additionally, he was recognized by the EOD community as the first recipient of the Force Master Chief Anthony L. Santino Leadership Award.