

# **CNO Selects Fleet Master Chief Smith as 15th MCPON**

ARLINGTON, Va. – Following a comprehensive review of potential candidates, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. John Richardson selected Fleet Master Chief Russell Smith to be the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Aug. 29, the Navy's Office of Information said in a release of the same date.

"After a thorough and deliberate review process, I am confident that Fleet Master Chief Smith is the right leader to be our Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy," said Richardson. "I look forward to working with him to advocate for our Sailors and their families selflessly serving around the world."

As the Navy's 15th MCPON, Smith will serve as the senior-ranking enlisted leader and adviser to the CNO.