

## **2022 Golden Crew Chief Award**

To: AWRCM Andrew (Drew) Smith, USN

Congratulations!

NHAHS is proud to announce “Golden Crew Chief Award” is a new award this year sponsored and by **Ultra Maritime Sonobuoy Systems - Providing detection and protection in the underwater battlespace.**

As you know... we have always recognized our most experienced Naval Helicopter Pilot on active duty with the Golden Helix Award (who is currently the VCNO Admiral Bill Lescher) and we felt it was high-time to recognize our most seasoned and experienced Helicopter Crew Chiefs.

So we created the Silver Crew Chief Award being the most seasoned and experienced Living Crew Chief who is currently Master Chief Bill Moss, Retired. And...the Golden Crew Chief is presented to the most “seasoned” and experienced Naval Helicopter Aircrewman on Active Duty.

The current Golden Crew Chief is: AWRCM Andrew (Drew) Smith, USN.

Master Chief Smith Enlisted in the United States Navy on July 17, 1992.

He is currently serving as the senior enlisted leader of Cryptologic Warfare Maritime Activity (CWMA) 61.

He will be retiring on 24 September of this year on the USS Midway and his last official day in the Navy will be 01 NOV 2022. He is currently moving out of Silver Strand Housing (as we speak, taking a break to be with us for lunch)...staying local and buying a house here in Paradise Valley.

Master Chief Congratulations!

Looks like we will have another recipient of the Golden Crew Chief Award to announce at the 2023 Symposium.