



COMMAND MASTER CHIEF J. BENJAMIN HARTWELL
Senior Enlisted Advisor, Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School

Command Master Chief (SWCC) J. Benjamin Hartwell is currently assigned as the Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School (NAVSCIATTS) at the Stennis Space Center, located in South Mississippi. Master Chief Hartwell recently completed his tour as the Deputy Commandant of the Joint Special Operations University-Enlisted Academy at the Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), Headquarters, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.



Hartwell enlisted in the Navy in August 1998, and graduated from Gunner's Mate "A" school in July 1999. Following "A" school graduation, he screened for U.S. Naval Special Warfare and graduated Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewman (SWCC) Class 34 in November of 2000.

Master Chief Hartwell served at Special Boat Team 22 as a Crewman, Boat Captain, Patrol Officer, and Training Leading Chief Petty Officer between 2000 and 2015 with a separate tour at NAVSCIATTS, where he obtained his Master Training Specialist qualification in 2009.

From March 2016 to December 2018, he served as the Maritime Planner and Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge of the J35 Future Operations Division at U.S. Special Operations Command Africa (SOCAFRICA), headquartered at Kelley Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany.

Prior to his previous assignment at JSOU, Hartwell served as the Command Master Chief at NAVSCIATTS from 2018 to 2022.

Master Chief Hartwell holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College, an associate degree in Liberal Arts from the Defense Language Institute, and he is a graduate of JSOFSEA Class 26.