

SBCM (SWCC/PJ/EXW) J. Benjamin Hartwell



SBCM J. Benjamin Hartwell is the P-CMC of Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School (NAVSCIATTS) in Stennis, Mississippi. Prior to this assignment, Master Chief Hartwell was the Special Operations Maritime Planner and Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge of the J35 Future Operations Division at Special Operations Command Africa (SOCAFRICA), headquartered at Kelley Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany.

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

Master Chief Hartwell previously served at Special Boat Team 22 as a crewman and following deployments to SOUTHCOM, attended Defense Language Institute to become a Spanish linguist. He then returned to SBT-22 where he received his Boat Captain Qualification before transferring to the Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School (NAVSCIATTS) in 2007. While at NAVSCIATTS, Master Chief Hartwell served as the Training Leading Petty Officer and received his Master Training Specialist qualification before returning to SBT-22 in May 2010.

Master Chief Hartwell received his Patrol Officer qualification while serving as Riverine Troop Four Detachment Chief from 2010-2012, and continued as the SEA of Riverine Troop Four in 2012-2014. Following his troop time, he served as the Training Department LCPO from 2015-2016, and deployed as the Operations SEA for the CENTCOM Crisis Response Element. From March 2016 to December 2018, he served as the Maritime Planner and Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge of the J35 Future Operations Division at Special Operations Command Africa (SOCAFRICA), headquartered at Kelley Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany.

Master Chief Hartwell holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College and an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts from the Defense Language Institute. Master Chief Hartwell is married to the former Alejandra Añez-Lopez from Santa Cruz, Bolivia; and is the proud father of three daughters: Nicol, Belle, and Anahi.