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SUBJ/2024-25 MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY DELBERT D. BLACK  
LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS//

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AMPN/REF A IS OPNAVINST 1650.36A, THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY  
DELBERT D. BLACK LEADERSHIP AWARD//

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RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN solicits nominations for the annual Master Chief Petty  
Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Delbert D. Black Leadership Award.

2. During his 30 years of distinguished service to the Navy, MCPON Delbert  
D. Black was an exceptional deck plate leader committed to Sailor and family  
advocacy. His unparalleled ability to lead Sailors, Chiefs, and Wardrooms  
alike, in addition to his unwavering loyalty to our Naval service, redefined  
what it means to be a Chief Petty Officer. This award is presented to  
recognize a first-tour Command Master Chief, Chief of the Boat, or Command  
Senior Chief who exhibits this same ideal of service with sacrifice as  
demonstrated by MCPON Delbert D. Black.

3. The criteria for this award and all nominee packages shall be submitted  
per reference (a). The reporting period for this award is 1 April 2024 to  
31 March 2025, and eligible candidates should have served at the same command  
the entire reporting period. Fleet Master Chiefs from Commander, U.S. Fleet  
Forces Command, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces  
Europe-U.S. Naval Forces Africa, Chief of Naval Personnel, and the Chief of  
Naval Operations Command Master Chief (for all direct-report Echelon 2  
commands) will each nominate one candidate from their area of responsibility.  
The Office of the MCPON will consolidate nominations and select the winner.  
Final nomination packages are due to the Office of the MCPON no later than  
Friday, 27 June 2025.

4. The award recipient will be announced by MCPON.

5. Released by ADM J. W. Kilby, Acting Chief of Naval Operations and MCPON  
J. M. Honea, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

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