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SUBJ/2025-26 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 unselfish ability to lead Chief Petty Officers, unwavering loyalty to the Navy, and commitment to developing junior officers and Sailors set a positive tone for the Navy. 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 will be submitted per reference (a). The reporting period for this award is 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, 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 II 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, 17 July 2026.

4. The award recipient will be announced by MCPON.

5. Built in the Foundry - Tempered in the Fleet - Forged to Fight.

6. Released by ADM Daryl Caudle, 34th Chief of Naval Operations and MCPON John Perryman, 17th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.//

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